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In reply, refer to: NASA_2022_0203_001

Mr. Jonathan Ikan
Center Cultural Resources Manager
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Mail Stop 213-8
Moffett Field, CA 94035

Subject: Building N144 USGS Bay 1 Project, NASA Ames Research Center, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Mr. Ikan:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has received the February 2, 2022, letter initiating consultation regarding an undertaking at NASA Ames Research Center (ARC). NASA is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. §306108), as amended, and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800. Along with the letter, NASA submitted a Memorandum prepared by AECOM and dated February 2, 2022, that provides the Section 106 analysis, project maps, and photographs.

The proposed undertaking, as described, involves interior and exterior alterations to the Bay 1 portion of Building N144, which is a warehouse divided into four bays. The interior alterations include architectural, mechanical, engineering, and plumbing; fire protection; accessibility; telecommunications; and structural component retrofit upgrades to prepare the space for continued storage and office use. New restrooms and storage rooms will be installed.

The APE encompasses Building N144 and the exterior areas where work would occur. The vertical APE extends to a maximum of two feet below the surface.

Previous surveys of NASA ARC found the project are to have low sensitivity for potential archaeological resources and that Building N144 does not contribute to the NAS Sunnyvale Historic District, nor is it individually eligible. Therefore, NASA proposes a Finding of No Historic Properties Affected for this undertaking.

After reviewing the information submitted, the SHPO offers the following comments.

- This project qualifies as an undertaking with the potential to affect historic properties.
- The APE is sufficient to take direct and indirect effects of the undertaking into account.
- Identification and evaluation efforts are sufficient.
- Based upon the information submitted, the SHPO has no objection to the proposed Finding of No Historic Properties Affected for this undertaking.
- Please be advised that under certain circumstances, such as unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, NASA may have additional future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact State Historian Mark Beason, at (916) 445-7047 or mark.beason@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer