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In reply, refer to: NASA_2018_0926_001

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Subject: Remove Driving Range Fence and Install Net, Moffett Federal Airfield, NASA Ames Research Center, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Mr. Ikan:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has received the September 26, 2018, letter initiating consultation regarding an undertaking at NASA Ames Research Center (ARC). NASA is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in order 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 Section 106 memo from HDR dated September 26, 2018, and containing project analysis, project maps, and project photographs.

The proposed undertaking, as described, involves removing the existing chain link fence at the Golf Club driving range and replacing it with a taller net barrier. The new net barrier would be approximately 60 feet high and hung between 20 to 25 black matte steel poles approximately 36 inches in diameter. Each pole would be installed to a depth between 12 to 15 feet below ground.

NASA defined an Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this undertaking that extends to a 1,000-foot buffer around the existing fence line and 15 feet below ground. Based upon previous surveys, including one in 2017, no previously identified archaeological resources are located within the vicinity of the driving range. NASA did not conduct a new survey based upon this information and because the project will occur within an area of low sensitivity and previous disturbance.

The APE is located within the extended boundary of the NAS Sunnyvale Historic District. In 2013, NASA reviewed the historic district and updated the boundary and contributors. NASA found the golf course, munitions magazines, and aircraft parking apron to be character defining features of the historic district, but did not identify the

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driving range chain link fence as significant.

NASA finds that replacing the driving range fence with a new, taller net supported by poles will not adversely affect the historic district, as it will be more transparent than the existing fencing and compatible with the character of other features of the airfield. Therefore, NASA proposes a Finding of No Adverse Effect.

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 appears to be sufficient to take 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 Adverse Effect 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.

Thank you for considering historic properties in your project planning efforts. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Beason, State Historian, at (916) 445-4047 or mark.beason@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julianne Polanco', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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