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In reply, refer to: NASA_2020_0413_001

Mr. Jonathan Ikan
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Moffett Field, CA 94035

Subject: FY19 Maintenance Project, NASA Ames Research Center, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Mr. Ikan:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has received the April 9, 2020, 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 technical Section 106 report prepared by AECOM dated April 9, 2020, that provides the Section 106 analysis, project maps, and photographs.

The proposed undertaking, as described, involves an array of maintenance projects at 16 separate buildings at NASA ARC involving replacement and/or minor upgrades to equipment. The technical report included an extensive list and description of these improvements.

NASA identified a discontinuous Area of Potential Effects for the undertaking encompassing the footprint of each of the 16 buildings with projects under this undertaking, all of which are historic properties. Facilities within the NAS Sunnyvale Historic District are: Buildings 15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 55, and the Shenandoah Plaza flagpole. Facilities within the NASA Ames Wind Tunnel Historic District are: Buildings N215, N220, N221, N226, and N227 (the Unitary Plan Wind Tunnel, which has also been designated as a National Historic Landmark). Individually listed facilities are: Buildings N200, N238, and N243. NASA evaluated Building N242 as eligible for listing in the National Register in 2015 and received SHPO concurrence.

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All projects with ground disturbance are located within previously disturbed areas that have been surveyed as having low archaeological sensitivity.

NASA reviewed each of the projects under this undertaking and found that none would compromise the integrity of the historic properties affected and, therefore, proposes a Finding of No Adverse Effects.

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

- This suite of projects qualifies as an undertaking with the potential to affect historic properties.
- The APE is sufficient to take direct effects of the undertaking on individual properties or contributors into account. However, it would be appropriate to include the boundaries of each historic district within NASA ARC to fully account for effects to historic properties.
- 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.

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

Sincerely,



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