

Appendix E

Cultural Resources Supporting Information

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- Consultation with Native American Heritage Commission and Native American Tribes
- NHPA Section 106 Continuing Consultation and Finding of Effect



February 17, 2020

Ms. Christina Snider, Executive Secretary
Native American Heritage Commission
1550 Harbor Blvd, Room 100
West Sacramento, CA 95691

via electronic submittal

Re: Request for Search of Sacred Lands File and List of Potentially Interested Tribes for the Department of Veterans Affairs Former Naval Air Station Alameda Section 106 Technical Report; Alameda County, California

Dear Ms. Snider,

HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) is providing regulatory services to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Construction and Facilities Management (CFM), for Former Naval Air Station Alameda Section 106 Technical Report, Project No. 612-115. The Project consists of construction of an Outpatient Clinic, a columbarium, an administrative space for the National Cemetery Administration, and other associated structures and access/utility roads. This project is located between Oakland Inner Harbor and San Francisco Bay, in the city of Alameda in Alameda County, California. A brief description of the Project, the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE), and a legal description are provided below.

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The APE for the project is defined as 624 acres of land between Oakland Inner Harbor and San Francisco Bay (see Attachment 1 – Location Map).

Legal Description

The Project is located on the Oakland West, CA 7.5-minute topographical quadrangle, in Township 2S, Range 4W, in section 5. A map is included for your reference (Attachment 1).

HDR formally requests a search of the Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands file for information relevant to the project described above. HDR further requests a list of Native American tribes and organizations that may have an interest in the Project.

Please email the requested information to me at John.Lloyd@hdrinc.com or fax to my attention at 916-679-8701. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

//Signed//

John (Jay) Lloyd
Senior Cultural Resources Specialist

Attachment: 1 – Location Map

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Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request

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Information Below is Required for a Sacred Lands File Search

Project: Department of Veterans Affairs Former Naval Air Station Alameda Section 106 Technical

Report Section 106 Technical Report

County: Alameda County

USGS Quadrangle Name: Oakland West, CA

Township: 2S **Range:** 4W **Section(s):** 5

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

February 18, 2020

John Lloyd, Senior Cultural Resources Specialist
HDR, Inc.Via Email to: john.lloyd@hdrinc.com
Cc: canutes@verizon.net**Re: Dept of Veterans Affairs Former Naval Air Force Station Alameda Section 106 Technical Report Project, Alameda County**

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were positive. Please contact the North Valley Yokuts Tribe on the attached list for more information. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: Sarah.Fonseca@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fonseca
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

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Patwin
Plains Miwok

This list is current only as of the date of this document. Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resource Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed Dept of Veteran Affairs Former Naval Air Force Station Alameda Section 106 Technical Report Project, Alameda County.

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Mission San Juan Bautista
Irenne Zwierlein, Chairperson
789 Canada Road
Woodside, CA 94062

Subject: The Department of Veterans Affairs, Project No. 612-115 – Request to
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California Valley Miwok Tribe
Silvia Burley, Chairperson
14807 Avenida Central
La Grange, CA 95329

Subject: The Department of Veterans Affairs, Project No. 612-115 – Request to
Initiate Section 106 Consultation with Native American Tribes

Dear Chairperson Burley:

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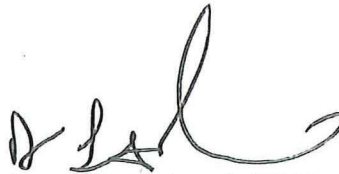
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Pomona, CA 91766

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Muwekma Ohlone Indian Tribe of
The SF Bay Area
Monica Arellano, Chairperson
20885 Redwood Road, Suite 232
Castro Valley, CA 94546

Subject: The Department of Veterans Affairs, Project No. 612-115 – Request to
Initiate Section 106 Consultation with Native American Tribes

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Linden, CA, 95236

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Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Slaton, Kelvin W.
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From: Slaton, Kelvin W. <Kelvin.Slaton@va.gov>
To: chochenyo@AOL.com <chochenyo@AOL.com>
Sent: Thu, May 14, 2020 1:21 pm
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From: Slaton, Kelvin W. <Kelvin.Slaton@va.gov>
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: VA Alameda Tribal Consultation

Chairperson Galvan, was your office able to access the report noted below? Did it satisfactorily address your concerns? If not, please advise how we might further assist. Also, if there are no further concerns please so acknowledge. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelvin (Dale) Slaton
Deputy Program Manager – Alameda Point
VA Northern California Health Care System
(925) 856-3581

From: Lloyd, John
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:42 PM
To: 'andrew galvan' <chochenyo@aol.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: VA Alameda Tribal Consultation

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I am following up on my email below to see if you had any additional concerns regarding the Alameda VA project. I'd be happy to provide you a copy of the report however the file is too large to email. I can provide you a link where you can download it or, alternatively, can provide you with a copy on a CD. Let me know what your preference is.

Take care and stay safe.

Regards,

Jay Lloyd

John "Jay" Lloyd, M.A., RPA (#15577)
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From: Lloyd, John
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 8:44 AM
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Dear Mr. Galvan,

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No prehistoric or archaeological resources were identified.

The inquiry to the NAHC was positive and indicated that we should contact Katherine Perez of the North Valley Yokuts. The VA is currently conducted a separate outreach with Ms. Perez.

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Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Slaton, Kelvin W.
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Attachments: Tribal Cultural Resource - Awareness Training - MM 2020.pdf; Post - Ground Disturbance Site Visit MM 2020.pdf; Tribal Cultural Resource Avoidance MM 2020.pdf; Inadvertent Discoveries Mitigation Measure 2020.pdf; Native American Monitoring Mitigation Measure 2020.pdf

Hello Mr. Slaton,

We the Northern Valley Yokut / Ohlone / Bay Miwuk / Patwin Tribe received your email regarding the above mention Project (No. 612-115). The proposed project is in an environmentally sensitive area. We are requesting consultation, site visit and recommending the the proposed project be monitored by our tribe. We are also offering Mitigation Measures from the prospective of our tribe. Please see the attachment above for the Mitigation Measures. Please advise how you will proceed.

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Inadvertent Discoveries Mitigation Measures

Develop a standard operating procedure, points of contact, timeline and schedule for the project so all possible damages can be avoided or alternatives and cumulative impacts properly accessed.

If potential tribal cultural resources, archaeological resources, other cultural resources, articulated, or disarticulated human remains are discovered by Native American Representatives or Monitors from interested Native American Tribes, qualified cultural resources specialists or other Project personnel during construction activities, work will cease in the immediate vicinity of the find (based on the apparent distribution of cultural resources), whether or not a Native American Monitor from an interested Native American Tribe is present. A qualified cultural resources specialist and Native American Representatives and Monitors from culturally affiliated Native American Tribes will assess the significance of the find and make recommendations for further evaluation and treatment as necessary. These recommendations will be documented in the project record. For any recommendations made by interested Native American Tribes which are not implemented, a justification for why the recommendation was not followed will be provided in the project record.

If adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, unique archeology, or other cultural resources occurs, then consultation with Northern Valley Yokuts Tribe and Nototomne Cultural Preservation regarding mitigation contained in the Public Resources Code sections 21084.3(a) and (b) and CEQA Guidelines section 15370 should occur, in order to coordinate for compensation for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments.

Native American Monitoring Mitigation Measure

To minimize the potential for destruction of or damage to existing or previously undiscovered archaeological and cultural resources and to identify any such resources at the earliest possible time during project-related earthmoving activities, **THE PROJECT PROPONENT** and its construction contractor(s) will implement the following measures:

- Paid Native American monitors from culturally affiliated Native American Tribes will be invited to monitor the vegetation grubbing, stripping, grading or other ground-disturbing activities in the project area to determine the presence or absence of any cultural resources. Native American representatives from cultural affiliated Native American Tribes act as a representative of their Tribal government and shall be consulted before any cultural studies or ground-disturbing activities begin.
- Native American representatives and Native American monitors have the authority to identify sites or objects of significance to Native Americans and to request that work be stopped, diverted or slowed if such sites or objects are identified within the direct impact area. Only a Native American representative can recommend appropriate treatment of such sites or objects.
- If buried cultural resources, such as chipped or ground stone, historic debris, building foundations, or bone, are discovered during ground-disturbing activities, work will stop in that area and within 100 feet of the find until a archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's qualification standards can assess the significance of the find and, if necessary, develop appropriate treatment measures in consultation with the Caltrans, the SHPO, and other appropriate agencies. Appropriate treatment measures may include development of avoidance or protection methods, archaeological excavations to recover important information about the resource, research, or other actions determined during consultation.
- In accordance with the California Health and Safety Code, if human remains are uncovered during ground disturbing activities, the construction contractor or the County, or both, shall immediately halt potentially damaging excavation in the area of the burial and notify the County coroner and a qualified professional archaeologist to determine the nature of the remains. The coroner shall examine all discoveries of human remains within 48 hours of receiving notice of a discovery on private or state lands, in accordance with Section 7050(b) of the Health and Safety Code. If the coroner determines that the remains are those of a Native American, he or she shall contact the NAHC by phone within 24 hours of making that determination (Health and Safety Code Section 7050[c]). After the coroner's findings are presented, the County, the archaeologist, and the NAHC-designated Most Likely Descendant (MLD) shall determine the ultimate treatment and disposition of the remains and take appropriate steps to ensure that additional human interments are not disturbed.

Post-Ground Disturbance Site Visit Mitigation Measure

A minimum of seven days prior to beginning earthwork or other soil disturbance activities, the applicant shall notify the CEQA lead agency representative of the proposed earthwork start-date, in order to provide the CEQA lead agency representative with time to contact the Northern Valley Yokut / Ohlone / Bay Miwuk tribal representative shall be invited to inspect the project site, including any soil piles, trenches, or other disturbed areas, within the first five days of ground-breaking activity. During this inspection, a site meeting of construction personnel shall also be held in order to afford the tribal representative the opportunity to provide tribal cultural resources awareness information. If any tribal cultural resources, such as structural features, unusual amounts of bone or shell, artifacts, human remains, or architectural remains are encountered during this initial inspection or during any subsequent construction activities, work shall be suspended within 100 feet of the find, and the project applicant shall immediately notify the CEQA lead agency representative. The project applicant shall coordinate any necessary investigation of the site with a Northern Valley Yokut / Ohlone / Bay Miwuk tribal representative, a qualified archaeologist approved by the City, and as part of the site investigation and resource assessment the archeologist shall consult with the Northern Valley Yokut / Ohlone / Bay Miwuk and provide proper management recommendations should potential impacts to the resources be found by the CEQA lead agency representative to be significant. A written report detailing the site assessment, coordination activities, and management recommendations shall be provided to the CEQA lead agency representative by the qualified archaeologist. Possible management recommendations for tribal cultural resources, historical, or unique archaeological resources could include resource avoidance or, where avoidance is infeasible in light of project design or layout or is unnecessary to avoid significant effects, preservation in place or other measures. The contractor shall implement any measures deemed by CEQA lead agency representative staff to be necessary and feasible to avoid or minimize significant effects to the cultural resources, including the use of a Native American Monitor whenever work is occurring within 100 feet of the find.

Tribal Cultural Resource – Awareness Training - Mitigation Measure

A consultant and construction worker tribal cultural resources awareness brochure and training program for all personnel involved in project implementation will be developed in coordination with interested Native American Tribes. The brochure will be distributed and the training will be conducted in coordination with qualified cultural resources specialists and Native American Representatives and Monitors from culturally affiliated Native American Tribes before any stages of project implementation and construction activities begin on the project site. The program will include relevant information regarding sensitive tribal cultural resources, including applicable regulations, protocols for avoidance, and consequences of violating State laws and regulations. The worker cultural resources awareness program will also describe appropriate avoidance and minimization measures for resources that have the potential to be located on the project site and will outline what to do and whom to contact if any potential archaeological resources or artifacts are encountered. The program will also underscore the requirement for confidentiality and culturally-appropriate treatment of any find of significance to Native Americans and behaviors, consistent with Native American Tribal values.

Tribal Cultural Resource Avoidance Mitigation Measure

Avoidance and preservation in place is the preferred manner of mitigating impacts to tribal cultural resources and will be accomplished by several means, including:

- Planning construction to avoid tribal cultural resources, archaeological sites and/ or other resources; incorporating sites within parks, green-space or other open space; covering archaeological sites; deeding a site to a permanent conservation easement; or other preservation and protection methods agreeable to consulting parties and regulatory authorities with jurisdiction over the activity. Recommendations for avoidance of cultural resources will be reviewed by the CEQA lead agency representative, interested Native American Tribes and the appropriate agencies, in light of factors such as costs, logistics, feasibility, design, technology and social, cultural and environmental considerations, and the extent to which avoidance is consistent with project objectives. Avoidance and design alternatives may include realignment within the project area to avoid cultural resources, modification of the design to eliminate or reduce impacts to cultural resources or modification or realignment to avoid highly significant features within a cultural resource. Native American Representatives from interested Native American Tribes will be allowed to review and comment on these analyses and shall have the opportunity to meet with the CEQA lead agency representative and its representatives who have technical expertise to identify and recommend feasible avoidance and design alternatives, so that appropriate and feasible avoidance and design alternatives can be identified.
- If the resource can be avoided, the construction contractor(s), with paid Native American monitors from culturally affiliated Native American Tribes present, will install protective fencing outside the site boundary, including a buffer area, before construction restarts. The construction contractor(s) will maintain the protective fencing throughout construction to avoid the site during all remaining phases of construction. The area will be demarcated as an “Environmentally Sensitive Area”. Native American representatives from interested Native American Tribes and the CEQA lead agency representative will also consult to develop measures for long term management of the resource and routine operation and maintenance within culturally sensitive areas that retain resource integrity, including tribal cultural integrity, and including archaeological material, Traditional Cultural Properties and cultural landscapes, in accordance with state and federal guidance including National Register Bulletin 30 (*Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Rural Historic Landscapes*), Bulletin 36 (*Guidelines for Evaluating and Registering Archaeological Properties*), and Bulletin 38 (*Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties*); National Park Service Preservation Brief 36 (*Protecting Cultural Landscapes: Planning, Treatment and Management of Historic Landscapes*) and using the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) *Native American Traditional Cultural Landscapes Action Plan* for further guidance. Use of temporary and

Tribal Cultural Resource Avoidance Mitigation Measure

permanent forms of protective fencing will be determined in consultation with Native American representatives from interested Native American Tribes.

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From: Slaton, Kelvin W. <Kelvin.Slaton@va.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Kathrine Perez
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Project No. 612-115 Alameda County

Chairperson Perez, was your office able to access the report noted below? Did it satisfactorily address your concerns? If not, please advise how we might further assist. Also, if there are no further concerns please so acknowledge. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Lloyd, John
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:44 PM
To: 'Kathrine Perez' <canutes@verizon.net>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Project No. 612-115 Alameda County

Good afternoon Chairperson Perez.

I am following up on my email below to see if you had any additional concerns regarding the Alameda VA project. I'd like to provide you a copy of the report however the file is too large to email. I can provide you a link where you can download it or, alternatively, can provide you with a copy on a CD. Let me know what your preference is and I will make sure you get a copy. At your convenience, I would also be happy to set up a call to provide you with additional information and answer any questions.

Take care and stay safe.

Regards,

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From: Lloyd, John
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 9:04 AM
To: 'Kathrine Perez' <canutes@verizon.net>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Project No. 612-115 Alameda County

Dear Chairperson Perez,

The Veterans Administration (VA) has asked me to reach out to you in response to your inquiry below regarding the Alameda VA project. I conducted the study on behalf of the VA.

This project is a revision of an earlier project which was proposed and studied in 2012. Accordingly, we did complete a new records search but did not conduct a pedestrian survey as the area had been previously surveyed multiple times. The records search identified two previously recorded and evaluated resources – the Alameda Training Wall and the Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda Historic District. The Alameda Training Wall is a rock wall located on the north side of Alameda Island which was built in the late 1800s as a shipping channel for the Port of Oakland. The NAS Alameda Historic District consists of the significant buildings associated with the operation of the former naval air station. Neither of these resources will be impacted by the project. No prehistoric or archaeological resources were identified and the archeological sensitivity was determined to be very low as the north end of Alameda island is largely artificial and was constructed to support airfield construction for NAS Alameda in the 1940s.

I'd like to provide you a copy of the report but it is too big to email. Would you mind if I sent you a link where you can download it? Alternatively, I can copy it onto a CD and mail that to you if that would be more convenient.

Also, I'd like to provide you with some additional information regarding this project at your convenience. I'm free any day next week. Let me know and I will set up a time to call you.

I hope things are well with you and that you're staying safe, I appreciate your consideration on this project.

Regards,

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From: Kathrine Perez [<mailto:canutes@verizon.net>]
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To: Slaton, Kelvin W. <Kelvin.Slaton@va.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Project No. 612-115 Alameda County

Hello Mr. Slaton,

We the Northern Valley Yokut / Ohlone / Bay Miwuk / Patwin Tribe received your email regarding the above mention Project (No. 612-115). The proposed project is in an environmentally sensitive area. We are requesting consultation, site visit and recommending the the proposed project be monitored by our tribe. We are also offering Mitigation Measures from the prospective of our tribe. Please see the attachment above for the Mitigation Measures. Please advise how you will proceed.

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201 Walnut Avenue, Mare Island, CA 94592
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VA Outpatient Clinics (continued):
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103 Bodin Circle, Bldg. 778, Travis AFB, CA 94535
425 Plumas Boulevard, Yuba City, CA 95991
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525 21st Street, Oakland, CA 94612
Telephone Care: 1-800-382-8387
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In Reply Refer To: 612/001/AB EBD

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Continuing Consultation: Department of Veteran Affairs Former Naval Air Station Alameda
Project No. 612-115 (VA120813A), Alameda County, California

Dear Ms. Polanco:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) conducted Section 106 consultation in 2012 and 2013 on Project No. 612-115 (Project) which involves construction of an Outpatient Clinic (OPC), a columbarium, and administrative space for the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) and Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA), and all associated parking on Base Realignment and Closure property at Alameda Point (former Naval Air Station [NAS] Alameda) in northern Alameda County, California. VA also developed a separate technical report in support of an Environmental Assessment (EA). VA determined that the proposed Project would have no adverse effect on historic properties after implementing the management measure to develop an unanticipated discovery plan and the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with our determination on May 17, 2013 (VA 2013: Appendix E).

Subsequent to that consultation, the undertaking has been modified in the Project footprint and the area of potential effects (APE). Therefore, VA is amending our initial consultation to address these additional activities and expanded APE and is seeking SHPO concurrence on that determination.

The revised APE has been expanded to include newly identified Project features that were not considered in the 2013 EA. Those features are:

- Installation of two new storm drains that are included in the stormwater management plan for the proposed Project;
- Wetlands mitigation, including on-site creation of a new tidal wetland;
- Possible installation of temporary modular buildings for the OPC and other Veteran services that would be removed when permanent facilities have been constructed;

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- Further identification of the locations where Deep Dynamic Compaction (DDC) would need to occur in order to require an analysis of the impacts from vibration within the APE.

The revised APE for the current consultation has been defined as the previously concurred on APE, in addition to two storm drain paths and outfall locations and the one area of wetland mitigation (Figure 1). The temporary laydown areas associated with the modular buildings and a portion of the wetlands mitigation areas were considered in the 2013 EA, but the proposed Project activity in that area changed, so the laydown areas are considered in this consultation for their potential impacts to historic properties. The DDC impact areas were also considered in the 2013 EA, though their locations were not defined.

VA reviewed previous documentation and our recent analyses provided the information necessary to evaluate the potential effects on historic properties in the proposed expanded APE.¹ The report can be accessed electronically at a secure site with login instructions provided under separate cover. VA will also be mailing the SHPO a hard copy for your records. The Project area has been extensively documented, and all known historic properties in the APE have been identified and evaluated. Additionally, prior analysis of the vertical APE found that the potential for intact archaeological materials was very low due to the disturbed nature of the area as a result of it being constructed on fill as well as no sites being identified during multiple prior surveys.

Two historic properties have been identified within the proposed expanded APE: the NAS Alameda National Register Historic District (Ref# 12001191) and the Alameda Training Wall (SHPO concurrence on October 15, 1997).

The Alameda Training Wall is a contributing element of the Oakland Inner Harbor Jetties and Federal Channel Historic District. The wall was originally constructed in 1874–1896 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' San Francisco District, with newer portions being built in 1938–1942 to support the airfield at NAS Alameda. The previous evaluation states that only about 1,750 ft. of the wall, the only remaining portion dating from 1874–1896, is NRHP eligible; and that the remaining newer portions are ineligible since they relate to the development of the NAS Alameda Airfield, which was previously determined ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP. SHPO previously concurred with both determinations.

The proposed Project will be installing one storm drain into the reconstructed, non-contributing section of the wall, which would not diminish any of the characteristics of the historic property that qualify it for inclusion in the NRHP. In addition, if any portion of the historic wall is found to be located within the DDC impact area, further analysis for effects,

¹ Gratreak, Leesa and John "Jay" Lloyd

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including additional vibration analysis and vibration monitoring, will need to occur and construction activity will be further defined. These additional measures will make certain that the DDC activity would not adversely affect the historic property.

The NAS Alameda Historic District is listed in the NRHP. VA has determined that there will be no adverse effects to the NAS Alameda Historic District as no contributing resources to the historic district will be impacted by the project activities. However, VA will conduct additional vibration analysis and vibration monitoring, similar to the Alameda Training Wall, to identify if any historic resources within the historic district are found to be potentially impacted by vibrations during construction activities. VA will also be implementing its inadvertent discovery plan in the unlikely event that cultural resources are encountered.


Therefore, the VA has determined that pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1) neither of the historic properties identified in the revised APE will be adversely affected by the undertaking and our previous finding remains valid. VA requests your concurrence on this determination.

VA is in consultation with the following Tribal communities:

- the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista,
- the Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe,
- the Indian Canyon Mutsun Tribe of Costanoan,
- the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area,
- the Ohlone Indian Tribe,
- the Confederated Villages of Lisjan,
- the North Valley Yokuts Tribe, and
- the California Valley Miwok Tribe.

Thank you for your assistance with this undertaking. VA looks forward to receiving your response within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. Comments may be provided by U.S. Postal Service or by email to VA at the contact information below. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Daniel Wood, VISN GEMS Manager at (916) 640-8039. Provide written response to Mr. Dale Slaton at kelvin.slaton@va.gov or Dale Slaton, Deputy Program Manager; VANCHCS; 150 Muir Road; Mailstop: 001VAB EBD; Martinez, CA 94553.

Sincerely,


FOR David Stockwell, MHA
Director

Enclosure: APE Map





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June 29, 2020

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Section 106 Consultation for National Cemetery and Outpatient Clinic, Former Air Station Alameda

Dear Mr. Slaton:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is continuing consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. §306108), as amended, and its implementing regulation found at 36 CFR Part 800.

Having previously received the SHPO's comments and concurrence that the establishment of a National Cemetery and outpatient clinic at the former Air Station Alameda would not adversely affect historic properties, the VA have amended the undertaking's scope and area of potential effects (APE). According to its June 8, 2020 letter, the VA are now proposing to initiate the following additional activities:

- Storm drain installation;
- Creation of a tidal wetland;
- Placement of on-site temporary modular facilities; and
- Vibrational analysis.

The revised APE includes two historic properties identified as the Alameda Training Wall, a contributing element to the Oakland Inner Harbor Jetties and Federal Channel Historic District and the Naval Air Station Alameda Historic District. Both resources were formally determined eligible for NRHP inclusion. The VA are requesting the SHPO's concurrence that its original finding of no adverse effect remains appropriate. After reviewing the information provided the SHPO concurs that the original effect finding is appropriate but notes that as the Training Wall is a district contributor, the undertaking's effects on the entire Oakland Inner Harbor Jetties and Federal Channel Historic District should be taken into account as opposed to the wall only.

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If there are any questions, contact Ed Carroll at (916) 445-7006 or Ed.Carroll@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

CC:
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Doug Pulak, VA Federal Preservation Officer