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Re: Requesting Consultation from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on the Dry Creek Sanitary Sewer Line Upgrade Undertaking Beal Air Force Base

Dear Mr. Capra:

Thank you for your July 11, 2014 letter initiating SHPO consultation for the Dry Creek Sanitary Sewer Line Upgrade undertaking at Beal Air Force Base in Yuba City County. The Department of the Air Force, Beal Air Force Base (AFB) is consulting with the SHPO to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f), as amended, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800. Your letter requests SHPO concurrence on Beal AFB's determination and documentation of the area of potential effects (APE) (36 CFR §800.4(a)) and finding of no historic properties affected (36 CFR §800.4(d)(1)) as a result of this undertaking.

This undertaking consists of emergency upgrades to the sewer system serving the northeastern portion of Beal AFB and includes the installation of new pipe, a pump house, manholes, and some infrastructure such as new communication wire. Further information about this undertaking is provided on page 2 of your letter. Beal AFB has determined and documented the APE (36 CFR §800.4(a)(1)) as approximately 10.00 acres and approximately 2.3 miles in length with a width varying between 30 and 200 feet. The vertical APE varies between three and 14 feet below ground surface. Further description of the APE is provided on pages 1 and 2 of your letter and three maps are included with your letter (Attachment 1, 2, and 3). I find Beal AFB's determination and documentation of the APE to be sufficient (36 CFR §800.4(a)(1)).

Supporting documentation (36 CFR §800.11(a)) submitted with your letter includes a CD with a PDF report entitled *Archaeological Survey Report for the Dry Creek Sanitary Sewer Line Upgrade* (AECOM 2014).

The Beal AFB's efforts to identify historic properties within the APE (36 CFR §800.4(b)(1)) included a record search, including a 0.25 mile buffer around the APE. Results from the record search did not identify previously recorded cultural resources within the APE. However, three prehistoric bedrock milling station sites, CA-YUB-1429, -1438, and -1439, are recorded within the 0.25 mile record search buffer area. Additional identification efforts included a complete pedestrian survey of the APE by archaeologists with the consulting firm AECOM. Survey efforts also included a survey of the three previously recorded archaeological sites located outside of the APE.

Beal AFB Cultural Resources Management (CRM) staff have initiated consultation with Native American tribes as part of their gathering of information pursuant to 36 CFR §800.3(f) to assist in identifying properties which may be of religious and cultural significance and may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (36 CFR §§800.4(a)(4) and 800.4(b)). The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) has requested that Beal AFB evaluate the "Native American Sites" (CA-YUB-1429, -1438, and -1439) located in the vicinity of the APE for listing on the NRHP, as well as their eligibility as either a District or Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). In response to the UAIC's request, your letter indicates that Beal AFB will complete an archaeological study of these sites by October 2014 and in the interim will treat these resources as eligible. Additional results from Beal AFB's Native American consultation efforts included Native American's expressing interest in monitoring construction activities. Your letter indicates that Beal AFB has invited representatives from interested groups or tribes to monitor the project.

Based on Beal AFB's level of effort, they have determined a finding of no historic properties affected because of this undertaking. I concur with your finding of no historic properties affected as a result of this undertaking.

Thank you for seeking my comments and considering historic properties as part of your undertaking. Please be advised that under certain circumstances, such as post-review discoveries or a change in the undertaking description, you may have future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800. If you require further information, please contact Alicia Perez of my staff at 916-445-7020 or at Alicia.Perez@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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