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Re: Section 106 Consultation for Backbone Infrastructure Permit Area of the Folsom South of U.S. Highway 50 Specific Plan Project (USACE SPK-2007-02159)

Dear Mr. Perry:

Thank you for your letter of September 12, 2013 continuing consultation for the above referenced project to comply with the Programmatic Agreement (PA) between the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) prepared in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulation at 36 CFR Part 800. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800 (as amended 8-05-04), and Stipulations 3 and 4 of the PA, Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is seeking my comments on their proposed resolution to adverse effects for the undertaking.

The proposed undertaking would issue a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit to the Folsom Owners Group (applicant) to develop a portion (Specific Plan Area) of a larger proposed residential and commercial development located south of U.S. Highway 50, east of Prairie City Road, north of White Rock Road, and west of the El Dorado County line in the city of Folsom, California.

The applicant is proposing to develop within their project-specific APE, referred to as the Backbone Infrastructure Permit Area (Backbone) over the course of a 20-year build-out. The Backbone project-specific APE is the permit area (approximately 1,100 acres) and is a result of the configuration of the proposed roadways, utilities, and open space areas that will eventually connect each of the permit areas to one another. The APE consists of the vertical and horizontal limits of the project including the area within which adverse effects to Historic Properties could occur as a result of the project. The vertical APE is described as the maximum depth below the surface to which excavations for project foundations and facilities will extend, as well as the height of proposed facilities and buildings and extends from 15 feet below ground surface to 30 feet above the ground surface. The horizontal APE consists of all areas where ground-disturbing activities associated with the project are proposed.

- *Historic Property Treatment Plan for the Backbone Infrastructure Permit Area, Folsom South of U.S. Highway 50 Specific Plan Project, Sacramento County, California ECORP Project No. 2005-429.3 (ECORP, 2013).*

The criteria of adverse effect were applied to the 17 individually eligible sites and the 63 contributing elements to historic districts. Alternatives to avoid these adverse effects were

considered, and were either adopted or rejected based on their feasibility in the larger scope of the project. Of the 17 individually eligible sites, you determined that 10 will be adversely and directly affected by the project and that all of the 63 contributing elements will be adversely affected, either directly or indirectly. Therefore, the COE developed a Historic Property Treatment Plan in accordance with Stipulation 5 of the existing PA in order to resolve the adverse effects caused by the undertaking.

Resolution of Adverse effects for the Rhoades' Branch Ditch and the Keefe-McDerby Mine Ditch will be resolved in the form of Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documentation in conjunction with the National Park Service (NPS). Resolution of adverse effects to the mills, foundations, campsites, and residential features will be addressed through data recovery excavation and detailed documentation. Resolution of adverse effect to White Rock Road and Lincoln Highway will occur through focused archival research and field documentation along with an expanded cultural context statement that will be included in the Historic Property Synthesis Report. Resolution of adverse effect to the RDMD and ACCMD historic districts will be addressed through landscape level documentation including aerial photography, LIDAR mapping, archival research, cultural contexts, and public interpretation using interpretive panels along adjacent trails and at trailheads. Potential adverse effects to inadvertent discoveries will be managed through measures to include geoarchaeological monitoring, contractor awareness training and the development of unanticipated discovery protocol between the contractors and the archaeological monitors. After reviewing your letter and supporting documentation, I have the following comments:

1. According to Stipulation 5 of the existing Programmatic Agreement between the COE and myself, I agree that the Historic Property Treatment Plan will adequately address the adverse effects that this undertaking will have on historic properties within the Backbone Infrastructure Permit Area APE.

Thank you for seeking my comments and for considering historic properties in planning your project. Please be advised that the COE has additional future responsibilities for this undertaking, as outlined in the aforementioned Programmatic Agreement. If you require further information, please contact Jessica Tudor of my staff at phone 916-445-7016 or email [jessica.tudor@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jessica.tudor@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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