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RE: Section 106 consultation for the Canyon Estates Subdivision in American Canyon, Napa County (COE File Number 2007-400759N)

Dear Dr. Allen:

The Office of Historic Preservation received on January 27, 2016 your letter initiating consultation, and follow up information emailed May 31, regarding the above referenced project to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and its implementing regulation at 36 CFR Part 800. The Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is considering issuing a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit to Hope Kingma of Monk & Associates on behalf of Loewke Planning Associates (applicant) to construct a proposed residential subdivision east of Newell Drive in both the City of American Canyon and unincorporated Napa County. The COE has defined the Area of Potential Effects (APE) as the entire 108.68-acre project site, of which 37.3 acres are proposed for development and the remaining 67.18 acres are proposed for conservation as an Open Space Preserve (with remaining acreage being roads and a City owned parcel for a water tank). I have no comments on the COE's APE.

Efforts to identify historic properties that may be affected by the undertaking included a records search, pedestrian survey, and Native American consultation. The applicant's consultant conducted an archaeological records search at the Northwest Information Center that indicated no prehistoric or historic-period archaeological resources had been previously recorded within or adjacent to the project area. The consultant performed a pedestrian survey of portions of the APE on February 20, 2016, resulting in the identification of one historic-era wooden corral (possibly dating to the 1960s) within the proposed Conservation Area.

The COE contacted the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) on January 14, 2016 to obtain a list of federally recognized tribes in the APE and receive a response on January 26, 2016. The COE sent letters to the contacts on the NAHC list. On May 11, the COE conducted a site visit with Anthony Flores of the Yoche Dehe Wintun Nation. The tribe formally notified the COE by letter dated May 17 that the tribe was not aware of any known cultural resources near the project site, but that Mr. Flores should be contacted if cultural items are found. As of May 31, the COE has received no other responses or comments on this project.

The COE has concluded that issuing a permit would have no effect on any historic properties or cultural resources and has requested my review and comment on their finding of “*no effect to historic properties*” for this undertaking. After staff review, I have the following comments:

- Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(c)(2), the COE has determined the Canyon Estates Corral is not eligible for the National Register. I concur.
- Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), it appears that there are no historic properties located within the project area for this undertaking and, therefore, I concur that a finding of *no historic properties affected* is appropriate for this undertaking.

Be advised that under certain circumstances, such as unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, the COE may have additional future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800. If you require further information, please contact Anmarie Medin of my staff at (916) 445-7023 or Anmarie.Medin@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer