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Washington, DC 20260-1862

RE: Proposed Demolition of Napa Franklin Station, 1351 Second Street, Napa, Napa County, CA

Dear Mr. Delahaye:

Thank you for your letter dated June 26, 2015 initiating consultation regarding the proposed undertaking at the Napa Franklin Station in Napa. The United States Postal Service (USPS) is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in an effort to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f), as amended, and its implementing regulation at 36 CFR Part 800. The Napa Franklin Station was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1985 and the nomination was updated in 2015. The building was damaged in the August 2014 South Napa Earthquake.

Included with the letter were copies of both the original nomination and the 2015 update. USPS has also identified the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this project as the footprint of the post office property and nine neighboring buildings, as depicted on the accompanying map. Two of these buildings, the Uptown Theater and the Robert Sterling House, are eligible for listing on the NRHP.

A list of consulting parties, to include Ken McNab, Planning Manager for the City of Napa; Rick Tooker, Community Development Director for the City of Napa; the Napa County Landmarks Commission's Board of Directors; and Brian R Turner, the Senior Field Officer and attorney for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was provided.

As the undertaking involves demolition of a historic property, USPS proposes a Finding of Adverse Effect. I have reviewed the information submitted and provide the following comments.

36 CFR 800.6 Resolution of Adverse Effect, (a) directs:

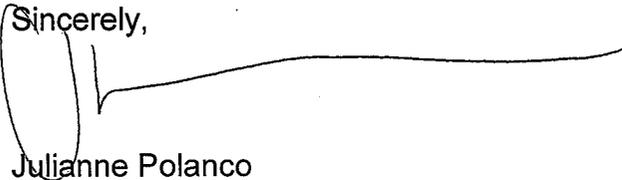
"Agency official shall consult...to develop and evaluate alternatives or modifications to the undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties."

This is a critical step when considering adverse effect and possible demolition of a historic resource. The correspondence received contained no explanatory information, such as structural reports, economic analyses, existing condition assessment, in order to derive such a determination. Please provide this information at your earliest convenience.

Public involvement is an important part of the consultation process. Due to the local significance of this property, and the permanence of the proposed action, I highly recommend that at least one public meeting be held as part of the plan to involve the public. At minimum, I am unable to provide further comment until all written responses to the posting of the consultation letter have been considered.

I look forward to continuing consultation on this undertaking. Please feel free to contact me, or Mr. Tristan Tozer of my staff at (916) 445-7027 or email at tristan.tozer@parks.ca.gov, with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a long horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc:
Ken McNab, City of Napa Planning Department
Rick Tooker, City of Napa
Board of Directors, Napa County Landmarks
Brian R. Turner, National Trust for Historic Preservation