



October 20, 2015

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Jill Techel, Mayor
City of Napa
P.O. Box 660
Napa, CA 94559-0660

Re: Section (§) 106 Consultation
Napa Franklin Station
1351 Second Street
Napa, Napa County, CA 94559-9991 (the "Property")
City File HP-15

Dear Mayor Techel:

Thank you for your October 9, 2015, letter responding to the United States Postal Service (USPS) request for the City of Napa to hold and enforce a preservation covenant to be imposed on the Property at transfer, should such transfer out of Federal ownership occur. You have asked for an extension to November 19, 2015 to consider the USPS request, citing insufficient time for the City to formally act before on the initial deadline. The USPS has reviewed, considered and agreed to your request.

A number of concerns were expressed in your letter. The following information is in response to, and in order of, the bullet points therein:

- **Details on the extent of damage to the Napa Franklin Station building have not yet been provided to the City.**

I understand the City is in the process of working with other representatives of the USPS to obtain a copy of the damage assessment report.

- **Additional consultation is needed on the proposed terms of the preservation covenant.**

The USPS identified the City as a consulting party that, under regulations implementing the NHPA, may wish to participate in consultation concerning resolution of adverse effects. The USPS further provided a draft covenant and revised draft covenant attached to its letters of September 9 and September 30, 2015, respectively, for City review and comment. Please express your specific concerns and/or objections clearly in writing for our review and consideration so that they may be better understood and addressed.

- **The City is in discussions with a qualified local non-profit organization to serve as the covenant holder.**

The USPS approached the City as a prospective covenant holder because, as a Certified Local Government (CLG), it demonstrates willingness and capacity to carry out the intent of the NHPA and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. The CLG additionally has access to the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in an advisory capacity. Therefore, the CLG may seek SHPO assistance in meeting CLG program requirements, goals and objectives consistent with federal standards and regulations.

The Property is locally designated, so future owners are required to seek City review and approval of rehabilitation, alteration, or modification plans to the building's significant historic character-defining features. That is to be done prior to any such rehabilitation, alteration, or modification in order to ensure consistency with *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* and applicable guidelines.

- **The 20-day period does not provide a sufficient amount of time for review, consultation and acceptance of the provisions of the draft preservation covenant.**

As previously stated, the USPS agrees to your request for an extension to November 19, 2015 to consider the USPS request to hold and enforce a preservation covenant to be imposed on the Property at transfer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the undersigned care of Ms. Julia Mates. She may be reached by letter at Tetra Tech, 1999 Harrison Street, Suite 500, Oakland, CA 94612, by phone at (510) 302-6300, or by email at julia.mates@tetratech.com.

Sincerely,



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Federal Preservation Officer
USPS

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