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Mr. Ken MacNab, Planning Manager
City of Napa Planning Department
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**RE: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR NAPA, CA FRANKLIN STATION**

Dear Mr. MacNab:

This is to inform you that the United States Postal Service (USPS) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate potential impacts on the environment from the proposed sale (disposal) of the Napa-Franklin Station located at 1351 2nd Street, Napa, CA 94559-9991. The attached Notice of Availability (NOA) has been published in the Napa Valley Register and the draft Environmental Assessment is available for review and comment as shown in the NOA.

If you would like to request additional information about the proposed action, please contact me at (201) 714-7216, or at the following address:

USPS NJ NDC
80 County Road
3rd Floor
Jersey City, New Jersey 07097-9800

Sincerely,

Charlotte Parrish
Facilities Environmental Specialist, Field and HQ Support

Notice of Availability
Napa-Franklin Station Draft Environmental Assessment

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, its implementing procedures at 39 CFR 775, the USPS *Facilities Environmental Guide* (Handbook RE-6) and accompanying EA Scope of Work, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) for the proposed sale (disposal) of the USPS Napa-Franklin Station, located at 1351 2nd Street, Napa, California 94559-9991. The Napa-Franklin Station building sustained significant structural damage during the South Napa Earthquake in August 2014 and has been inoperable and unoccupied since that time. Constructed in 1933, the Napa-Franklin Station was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

USPS has determined that its preferred alternative for addressing the current and future concerns associated with the Napa-Franklin Station property is to dispose of via sale the 13,020-square-foot structure and 0.66-acre property and offer it in its current condition to an as-yet undetermined buyer. Furthermore, because Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act identifies “the transfer, lease, or sale of property out of federal ownership or control without adequate and legally enforceable restrictions or conditions to ensure long-term preservation of the property’s historic significance” as an example of an adverse effect, as part of the Proposed Action, USPS will impose a preservation covenant upon the property and building at the closing of the sale. This preservation covenant will require that any rehabilitation, alteration, or modification plans to the Napa-Franklin Station be reviewed and approved by a covenant enforcer to preserve the physical integrity of those characteristics of the Station that qualify it for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Draft EA concludes that this Proposed Action (*i.e.*, disposal with preservation covenant) would not result in significant adverse impacts on the physical or cultural environment.

The Draft EA is available to the public for review and comment for a period of seven (7) calendar days from the issuance of this Notice of Availability, at which time the EA will be considered final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued. All comments received will be considered. The Draft EA is available for review at the website of USPS’s environmental consultant, Louis Berger:

<https://fileshare.louisberger.com/?ShareToken=76C531320F7BB3D4C3C12C5872250BB44DB639B2>, or at the Post Office located at 1436 Second Street, Napa, California. Please provide any comments to: Ms. Charlotte Parrish, Facilities Environmental Specialist, USPS, Field and Headquarters Support, New Jersey National Distribution Center, 80 County Road – 3rd Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07097-9800, or via email at charlotte.parrish@usps.gov.

Please note that, after USPS considers the public comments received and completes the EA process, it will provide copies of the Final EA at the website and Post Office provided above.