



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

February 3, 2011

Mr. Milford Donaldson
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Department of Parks and Recreation
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RE: COMMENTS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Case No.: 2006.0536F
Project Name: Lower Crystal Springs Dam Improvement

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

This letter is in response to the United States Corps of Engineer's (COE) request for review and comment on the documents that were prepared in the course of conducting the Section 106 review for the proposed project, including:

- Letter from COE to the Planning Department initiating Section 106 review, dated January 21, 2011;
- Draft Memorandum of Agreement, dated January 5, 2011;
- Draft Historic Properties Treatment Plan from ESA, Inc., dated December 2010, which includes:
 - Project Description/Undertaking
 - Area of Potential Effect (APE)
 - Determination of Eligibility
 - Determination of Adverse Effects
 - Treatment Plan;
- Letter from Jenan Saunders for Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to Jane Hicks, COE, dated October 7, 2010; and
- Final Historic Context, Architectural and Archaeological Survey Report from Entrix, Inc. / MSE Joint Venture, dated October 2009.

The Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing on February 2, 2011, to review and comment on the above-mentioned documents. Planning Department staff presented the attached staff report. This letter contains the Commission's view on the effects this undertaking could have upon historic properties within the APE. This letter will also be forward to the lead Federal Agency (COE), Project Sponsor (SFPUC), and any other interested parties.

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The Historic Preservation Commission's comments and discussion are as follows:

1. The Commission concurs with definition of the Project Description / Undertaking provided by the Project Sponsor.
2. The Commission concurs with the findings of the Historic Context, Architectural and Archaeological Survey Report and the APE as defined in the report.
3. The Commission concurs with the determination that Lower Crystal Springs Dam is eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A and C and that South Crystal Springs Cottage is also eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A.
4. The Commission concurs with the finding that the project will have an adverse effect on historic properties and that the execution of a MOA and Historic Properties Treatment Plan is appropriate to reduce the severity of the adverse effect on Lower Crystal Springs Dam.

Public Comment

No one from the public spoke to the item.

The HPC appreciates the opportunity to participate in review of this Section 106 document.

Sincerely,

Charles Chase, President
Historic Preservation Commission

ATTACHMENTS

Planning Department staff report for Case No. 2006.0536F