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Ms. Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer
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Dear Ms. Polanco,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District (USACE) is consulting with you on the proposed Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Navigation Project located in the Port of Oakland between Oakland and Alameda on the south east side of Oakland Harbor in Alameda County, California.

The USACE as the federal lead agency, and the Port of Oakland (Port), as the nonfederal sponsor, are studying the *Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Navigation Project* to determine if there is a technically feasible, economically justifiable, and environmentally acceptable recommendation for federal participation in navigation improvements to the constructed -50-Foot Oakland Harbor Navigation Project.

We are initiating consultation for the undertaking pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and in accordance with the implementing regulations for Section 106 found at 36 CFR Part 800, we are seeking (1) your comments on our Area of Potential Effects (APE), (2) our *Level of Effort* identifying historic properties in the APE, and (3) your concurrence with our finding of: "*No Historic Properties Affected*", pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1).

We are coordinating environmental compliance review with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and providing you with two detailed cultural resources reports prepared for this study, that are intended to support the preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation by USACE and the Port, respectively.

- (a) The *Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Navigation Project Cultural Resources Inventory Report 2021* includes the project description; identification of the vertical and horizontal APE which encompasses all ground disturbing activities on land and submerged; and identification of all cultural resources (i.e., archaeological and historic architecture/built environment resources) present in the APE. Please see the enclosed Cultural Resources Inventory report for
- Results of CHRIS Records Search
 - Previous Historic Properties Reports and National Register Eligibility
 - Oakland Harbor Todd Shipyard
 - Oakland Harbor Berth 55-58

- Oakland Harbor -42 Foot Navigation Study
- Oakland Harbor -50 Foot Navigation Study
- Results of Native American Heritage Commission Search
- Results of Native American Consultation
- Archaeological Coverage (Field-Survey) and Site Location Maps

(b) *The Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Navigation Project Cultural Resources Preliminary Assessment of National Register Eligibility and Determination of Adverse Effects Report* includes the eligibility determinations and findings of “No Historic Properties Affected” pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1) for the proposed undertaking. No cultural resources eligible for the National Register were identified in the current APE.

Previous studies completed for undertakings within the APE determined no historic properties OR historic properties that are not eligible for listing on the National Register based upon the SHPO’s consensus, and are not subject to management under Section 106.

In accordance with regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended, the USACE and the Port of Oakland determined that no historic properties are within the APE for the proposed Oakland Turning Basins Widening Navigation Study and no historic properties will be affected. We are requesting your review of our APE, efforts to identify historic properties, and consensus with our determination of “*no historic properties affected.*” If you have any questions regarding this project, or need additional information, please contact Kathleen Ungvasky at 415-503-6842 or email Kathleen.ungvasky@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Julie Beagle,
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Enclosures