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Re: Section 106 Consultation for the Removal of Mobile Homes at Seven Resort Areas around Lake Berryessa, Napa County, California (Project No. 07-CCAO-214)

September 24, 2007

Dear Ms. Fry:

Thank you for your letter of 15 August 2007 requesting my comments with regard to the above referenced undertaking. You are consulting with me in order 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 Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to remove 1,200 mobile homes from seven resorts around Lake Berryessa. The removal action will involve hauling away those trailers that may be safely transported along existing roadways. Trailers that cannot be safely towed will be demolished on site and all debris will be removed. All utility lines will be capped; pier blocks will be removed, as will decking, patios, air conditioning units, and propane tanks. Reclamation has determined that the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the undertaking includes the lots and paved roadways within the seven resorts. I believe that the APE has been properly determined and documented as per 36 CFR § 800.4(a)(1) and that the efforts to identify historic properties within the APE have been appropriate as per 36 CFR § 800.4. Reclamation has surveyed the APE and has determined that because no cultural resources are present, no historic properties will be affected by the undertaking. Based on my review of the materials submitted by Reclamation with your 15 August 2007 letter and a 14 September 2007 email from Adam Nickels of your staff to David Byrd of my staff, I agree that, per 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1), a finding of no historic properties affected is appropriate for the undertaking as proposed.

Thank you for seeking my comments and considering historic properties as part of your project planning. Please be advised that under certain circumstances, such as unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, Reclamation may have additional future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Byrd, Project Review Unit historian, at (916) 653-9019 or at dbyrdr@parks.ca.gov or William Soule, Associate State Archaeologist, at (916) 654-4614 or at wsoule@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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