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Subj: Individual Sub-Phase Review for Construction of Building 40 (Research Center)  
(Building 40 project, LRDP Sub-Phase 1.9) (VA 2013 0110 001)

Dear Ms. Roland-Nawi,

With execution of the Programmatic Agreement (Attachment A) for the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) for the San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC) on January 9, 2015, we are requesting formal comment from your office on Building 40, LRDP Sub-phase 1.9 as stipulated in the agreement (Stipulation III a ii).

A brief overview of consultation for this sub-phase is provided below:

**Highlights of Previous Consultation Efforts**

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| March 20, 2012    | VA initiated Section 106 consultation with SHPO for the SFVAMC LRDP.   |
| December 12, 2012 | VA initiated Section 106 consultation for a proposed project under the LRDP that included the construction of Building 40, along with the seismic upgrade of three historic buildings. The letter summarized prior consultation regarding the LRDP and Finding of Effect (FOE), identified historic properties in and around SFVAMC, outlined the purpose of and need for the undertaking, defined the Area of Potential Effect (APE), and identified interested parties for the purposes of consultation. |
| January 25, 2013  | SHPO responded to initiation letter and concurred with the location of the SFVAMC historic district, the contributing buildings within the historic district, and the boundary of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the LRDP.   |

SHPO recommended that VA separately address the LRDP sub-phases.

- December 17, 2013 VA initiated separate sub-phase project review for proposed Building 40 under the *1<sup>st</sup> Administrative Draft* of the PA. The letter included a project-level introduction to the sub-phase, a discussion on whether or not the sub-phase had changed since it was described in the Finding of Effect document, and a status report on the LRDP.
- March 14, 2014 Representatives from VA, SOM, Page & Turnbull, and SHPO met in Sacramento to present and discuss the Building 40 scheme.
- March 20, 2014 VA submitted a continuing consultation letter on the Building 40 proposal under the *2<sup>nd</sup> Draft* of the PA. The letter included scope changes and an analysis of the schematic design under Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation following draft stipulation III.a.ii (Attachment B).
- January 9, 2015 SFVAMC LRDP PA executed.

The material submitted as part of the March 20, 2014 continuing consultation letter meet the requirements of Stipulation III.a.ii. of the executed PA, and design of the proposed Building 40 has not changed (plans for the water tower have changed: it will now be removed and replaced with underground tanks instead of relocated, and this change will be further addressed in another submission). The project description and Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation analysis included in the March 20<sup>th</sup> letter are still relevant, and we request your comments.

Sincerely,



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Medical Center Director

#### Attachments

- A. Programmatic Agreement (executed January 9, 2015)
- B. Continuing Consultation Letter (dated March 20, 2014)

cc: ACHP and other consulting parties