

**APPENDIX B
CULTURAL RESOURCES CONSULTATION**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
834th Transportation Battalion
410 Norman Avenue
Concord, California 94520-1142

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Director of Public Works

March 18, 2020

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State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Ms. ██████████:

The U.S. Department of the Army (Army) is writing you to initiate consultation on the Area of Potential Effects (APE), provide inventory results, and seek concurrence in our finding of effect for the proposed maintenance dredging at Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO) in Concord, California. The Army has determined that the proposed project is an undertaking, which requires compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108). Based on the enclosed cultural resources inventory, the Army finds *No Adverse Effects to Historic Properties* (36 CFR 800.5 [d][1]).

The mission of the 834th Transportation Battalion at MOTCO is to provide terminal and distribution services in support of deploying and redeploying forces; and to safely provide ammunition terminal services, including the provision of operational and training synergies between East and West Coast ammunition terminals. Maintaining deep-draft access to MOTCO's piers is imperative. The MOTCO installation accounts for 72% of the Army's West Coast ammunition handling and approximately 25% of the nation's total ammunition throughput capability. Maintenance dredging would address safety requirements at the four piers, in addition to ensuring long-term mission sustainment and improving mission efficacy.

The project area for the proposed dredging is located in Suisun Bay southeast of the Seal Islands within in an unsectioned portion of the Vine Hill, California (2018) 7.5" USGS quadrangle. The Area of Potential Effect (APE), consists of a 256 acre area near the Barge Pier and Piers 2, 3 and 4, including the pier navigation approaches, and berthing areas. All dredging would be in-water and there would be no work, staging of equipment or materials on land at MOTCO during the dredging.

Inventory efforts have consisted of records searches, tribal consultation and a January 2020 hydrographic survey, discussed in the attached memorandum for record. Briefly, based on existing documentation, the Army identified one historic property within the APE. The Port Chicago Naval Magazine Explosion Site, located near Pier 2, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The Army is requesting your comments on the delineation of the APE and our finding of effect for the MOTCO maintenance dredging. Correspondence may be sent to myself at Department of the Army, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 834th Transportation Battalion, 410 Norman Avenue, Concord, California 94520-1142. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at (925) 246-4023 or by email at guy.k.romine.civ@mail.mil.

Respectfully,



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Director of Public Works
Military Ocean Terminal Concord

Enclosure



**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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Lisa Ann L. Mangat, *Director*

April 23, 2020

Reply in Reference To: USA_2020_0210_001

[REDACTED]
Director of Public Works
Military Ocean Terminal Concord
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
834th Transportation Battalion
410 Norman Avenue
Concord, CA 94520-1142

Sent Via Electronic Mail

Re: Maintenance Dredging, Military Ocean Terminal Concord, Concord, California

Dear Mr. Olson

The United States Army (Army) is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in an effort to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), as amended, and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800. The Army is requesting concurrence, as outlined at 36 CFR 800.5 (d)(1), with a finding of no adverse effect to historic properties.

The Army plans to perform dredging operations in Suisun Bay southeast of the Seal Islands within an unsectioned portion of the Vine Hill, California USGS quadrangle. All dredging will be in-water; no land-side work or equipment staging is required.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this undertaking is defined as a 256-acre area near the Barge Pier and Piers 2, 3, and 4. One historic property, the National Register of Historic Places-listed Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial, is located within the APE. The undertaking will not adversely affect the property.

Having reviewed your submittal, SHPO has the following comments:

- 1) SHPO notes that the APE appears adequate to account for direct and indirect effects to historic properties;

2) SHPO concurs that undertaking will not adversely affect historic properties;

3) Please be reminded that in the event of an unanticipated discovery or a change in the scale or scope of the project, the Army may have additional consultation responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800.

If the Army has any questions or comments, please contact staff historian [REDACTED] at (916) 445-7027 or Tristan.Tozer@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer



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REPLY TO
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Director of Public Works

June 14, 2021

[REDACTED]
State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA) (Section 106), the U.S. Department of the Army (Army) is writing you to continue consultation on a revision to the area of potential effects (APE) for the proposed maintenance dredging at Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO) in Concord, California. The Army previously completed Section 106 consultation for the dredging project on April 23, 2020, which concluded with a finding of *No Adverse Effects to Historic Properties* (36 CFR 800.5 [d][1]) (USA_2020_0318_001). The previous APE for the project consisted of a 256 acre area near the Barge Pier and Piers 2, 3 and 4, including the pier navigation approaches, and berthing areas. Following the original consultation, project refinement has determined that additional dredging will be required for the potential, future construction of a Loading/Unloading Boat Ramp southwest of the Barge Pier (Enclosure 1). In addition, the project will also require a staging area, a temporary slurry pipeline, and a dredging material disposal site within the MOTCO Tidal Area. The Army seeks to retain the finding of effects for the project.

The APE is in Suisun Bay and the Tidal Area south of the bay, southeast of the Seal Islands, and within an unsectioned portion of the Vine Hill, California (2018) 7.5" USGS quadrangle. The APE will consist of all dredging activities, staging, and disposal areas. All access to and from the project APE, will be on existing paved roads.

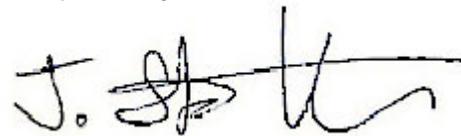
Previous historic property identification efforts have consisted of records searches, tribal consultation, and a January 2020 hydrographic survey, discussed in the memorandum for record (MFR) provided during the 2020 consultation. The 2020 MFR is enclosed herein for ease of reference (Enclosure 2). The revised APE is depicted on the enclosed map as an expanded, in water dredging area (red outline), a staging area (green), a temporary slurry pipeline (yellow), and dredging material disposal site (light blue). The landward portion of the APE is all on previously disturbed areas. The staging area will be on a paved parking area associated with Pier 4. The slurry pipeline will be temporary and placed on the ground surface along the eastern edge of Stevens Road, a paved

two-lane road. The material disposal site will be on an area that has been soil-filled and leveled for the construction of a multi-unit storage facility. Given the level of disturbance at the staging area and material disposal site, coupled with the low likelihood of potential historic properties based on the records search, a pedestrian survey of these areas was not deemed necessary.

As previously indicated in the 2020 consultation, the Army has identified one historic property within the APE. The Port Chicago Naval Magazine Explosion Site, located near Pier 2, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Army will continue to apply the Cultural Resources Treatment and Discovery Plan (CRTDP) developed in collaboration with the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Officer. The CRTDP is presented in the Enclosure 2 MFR. The Army has provided project information and locational data to the same potentially interested tribes from the previous project consultation via email on June 14, 2021, with a request to share any pertinent information that might aid in the identification of potential historic properties. In the event that areas of tribal concern are identified, the Army will continue to consult with the applicable Tribe (s) and your office to avoid any adverse effects.

With the provision that the Army will follow protocols for waterside monitoring and evaluation of cultural resources pursuant to the CRTDP, the Army retains the original finding of *No Adverse Effects to Historic Properties* for the proposed maintenance dredging at MOTCO. The Army is requesting your comments on the delineation of the revised APE and concurrence on the retention of the previous finding of effects for the MOTCO maintenance dredging. The Army is also requesting your comments and concurrence within 30 days. Correspondence may be sent to myself at Department of the Army, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 834th Transportation Battalion, 410 Norman Avenue, Concord, California 94520-1142. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at (925) 246-4182 or by email at john.s.volk.civ@mail.mil.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. S. Volk", written over a solid black rectangular redaction box.

Environmental Division Chief
Military Ocean Terminal Concord

Enclosures