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In reply refer to:
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RE: Proposed Clover Valley Lakes Project, Placer County, California

Dear Mr. Jewell:

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800, implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and all applicable regulations, you have requested my comments on the undertaking cited above. The proposed project is a residential community planned to extend over 662 acres of Clover Valley. Your letter states that the Area of Potential Effect (APE) is the entire permit area of 662 acres. You have requested my concurrence with a determination of eligibility and effect for the Clover Valley Lakes Project so the project proponent can meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

You have provided a copy of *A Determination of Eligibility and Effect on Cultural Resources within the Clover Valley Lakes Project Area* that documents inventory and evaluation of 34 cultural resources within the APE. You have determined that 33 prehistoric archaeological sites qualify for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as an archaeological district under criterion d, for its potential to yield information important in prehistory. You have conducted survey and test investigations that demonstrate that further investigation could address questions regarding cultural chronology, settlement systems, acculturation, subsistence, and exchange.

You have determined that PA-98-107, a historic site consisting of concrete foundations from a residence of the 1920's, is not eligible for the NRHP under any criteria. The remains are too minimal to provide information important in history and the site is not known to have associations with persons or events important to the understanding of the broad patterns of history.

You have applied the criteria of effect and have determined that construction of the proposed project would result in an adverse effect to the historic properties identified within the APE. While the project proponent has redesigned roads and lot placement, you have determined that site avoidance, fencing, capping, and data recovery will still be necessary in some areas.

I concur that the 33 prehistoric sites documented within the Clover Valley Lakes project area are eligible for the NRHP as an archaeological district under criterion d. I concur that the historic site, PA-98-107, fails to meet any criteria and is not eligible for the NRHP. I acknowledge your efforts to consult with interested parties, including Native Americans, and to include them in the development of a treatment

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plan. Finally, I concur with your determination that historic properties will be adversely affected by the proposed residential project.

I look forward to continuing consultation to resolve adverse effects to historic properties through the development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and a plan for treatment of historic properties. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call staff archaeologist Jennifer Darcangelo at (916) 654-4614 or email jdarc@ohp.parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Dr. Knox Mellon
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