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REPLY TO: FHWA040813A

Brian Ramos, Chief, Office of Cultural Resource Studies  
California Department of Transportation  
P. O. Box 23660  
OAKLAND CA 94623-0660

Re: National Register Eligibility Determination and Finding of No Historic Properties Affected, Los Gatos Creek Trail Project, San Jose, Santa Clara County.

Dear Mr. Ramos:

Thank you for submitting to our office your August 11, 2004 letter and Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR) regarding the Los Gatos Creek Trail project in the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County. The City of San Jose proposes to pave the Los Gatos Creek Trail to a width of 3.65 meters (12 feet) plus two 0.6 meter (2-foot) shoulders from Coe Avenue on the south to Auzerais Avenue on the north. Except where it will pass under I-280, the trail will be constructed outside the top-of-bank of Los Gatos Creek. An archeological resources record search conducted at the Northwest Information Center at Sonoma State University and field inventory survey conducted by qualified archeologists revealed no known prehistoric or historic archeological resources within or adjacent to the project APE. No architectural resources were located within the project APE.

Pursuant to stipulation VIII.C.5. of the *"Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California"* (PA), Caltrans is seeking my comments on its determination of the effects the proposed project would have on historic properties. On the basis of the information provided in the HPSR I acknowledge Caltrans' finding, pursuant to Stipulation IX.A.2. of the PA, of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this undertaking.

Thank you again for seeking my comments on your project. If you have any questions, please contact staff historian Clarence Caesar by phone at (916) 653-8902, or by e-mail at [ccaes@ohp.parks.ca.gov](mailto:ccaes@ohp.parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Milford Wayne Donaldson".

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer