

Hamilton Field, Sewage Pumping Station  
(Facility No. 125)  
East of San Pablo Avenue and  
Hangar Avenue intersection  
Novato  
Marin County  
California

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**Location:** Hamilton Army Air Field  
Novato, Marin County, California  
Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station  
Facility No. 125 (east of San Pablo Avenue and Hangar Drive intersection)

U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)  
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)  
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;  
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

**Significance:**

The sewage pumping station, designed by the Quartermaster General's Office, is both architecturally significant and an essential element of base operations. The base sewage facilities at this location are connected below the ground surface to an extensive system of pipes that once collected waste water from the main base areas and the permanent housing.

The building is significant as an example of the application of an important architectural trend (Spanish Colonial Revival) adapted to reflect California's mission heritage in a dramatic departure from traditional military architecture.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

**Description:**

This pump station is similar in plan to pump stations Nos. 35 and 39, but is not raised on piers and has no additions or porches. It is a one-story facility with a Mission tile gable roof set on wood rafters. It measures 16 feet by 15 feet, 4 inches and has 186.67 square feet of interior space. The building has wood piles in concrete grade beams foundation with concrete floors. It is built of 12-inch hollow tile with stucco facing and has pilasters on the corners and a multi-light window on the gable end. It appears to be in original condition.

**Historical Context:**

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

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Completed on November 12, 1932, for a cost of \$6,153.50, this was one of the first buildings erected on base and was a major support facility for the permanent housing on base.

**Sources:**

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

The line drawn sketches were drafted on site in 1994 by Keith Syda, scanned into a computer and drawn by Christopher MacDonald in 1995, and corrected and finalized by Claire Warshaw in 1996 (all PAR Environmental Services, Inc. staff).

**Project Information:**

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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