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Senior Architectural Historian

EDUCATION

M.A., Historic Preservation, Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah, GA

B.A., Interior Design with a minor in Art History, California State University, Chico

18 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Amber Grady is an expert in NEPA, CEQA, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) compliance with over 18 years of experience in cultural resources management. Amber has extensive experience in California architectural history with an emphasis on northern California. Her experience includes archival research, historic building and structure surveys and evaluations, Secretary of the Interior's Standards compliance analysis and cultural resources documentation for NEPA/CEQA/Section 106 projects ranging from single building evaluations to district-wide surveys. Amber has worked on a variety of projects throughout the San Francisco Bay Area completing projects for cities, counties, and school and utility districts as well as private sector clients. Amber meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications for Architectural History and History.

Relevant Experience

VTA BART Phase II Extension Pre- and Post-Construction Surveys, San Jose and Santa Clara, CA. This project includes architectural conditions surveys for 40+ properties along a 6-mile long segment to extend BART service from the Berryessa Station to downtown Santa Clara, through downtown San Jose. The work is responsive to a condensed timeline and high public scrutiny. Working with VTA and city representatives and utilizing state-of-the-art digital data capture methods, ESA is utilizing a digitally-based documentation strategy to allow VTA to monitor changes throughout the proposed 6-year construction period.

California High Speed Rail Project, Environmental Compliance for Merced to Fresno Construction Package 1 (CP1), Merced to Fresno, CA. *Senior Architectural Historian.* As a subconsultant to the Tutor Perini Zachary Parsons (TPZP) Joint Venture, ESA is providing environmental compliance support services for the Merced to Fresno CP1, the 29-mile first segment of the California High Speed Rail design/build project. ESA is leading pre-construction surveys and providing all biological and cultural monitoring during construction. ESA is providing real time documentation of surveys via field tablets and tailored online GIS applications. Amber is involved in documentation and report writing as it relates to historic architectural resources.

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development On-Call, San Francisco, CA. *Senior Architectural Historian.* Under the on-call, ESA prepares cultural and architectural historical documents, under NHPA regulations, and has recently implemented resource evaluation for more than 15 locales. Amber serves as principal investigator for completion of DPR 523 Primary forms, historic resource evaluations (such as the 730 Stanyan project), MOAs, and assistance with implementation and revision of the PA by and among the City and County of San Francisco, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council On Historic Preservation Regarding Historic Properties Affected by Use of Revenue from the Department Of Housing And Urban Development Part 58 Programs.

City of Sacramento, Central City Specific Plan, Sacramento, CA. *Senior Architectural Historian.* For the City of Sacramento, ESA prepared a Specific Plan, associated technical reports, an environmental impact report, and an update to an existing historic district. Amber and her staff prepared a cultural resources technical background report, updated the R Street Historic District evaluation, and prepared the Cultural Resources section of the EIR. The survey for the technical background report and historic district report included surveying and documenting hundreds of parcels as well as archival research and evaluation of resources.

1100 Broadway, Oakland, CA. *Senior Architectural Historian.* As part of an addendum to the CEQA analysis for a proposed project located at 1100 Broadway in Downtown Oakland, ESA staff evaluated the design for the rehabilitation of the historic Key System Building and adjacent high-rise commercial tower for consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The Key System Building, which was

constructed in 1911 and has stood vacant since 1989, is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the City of Oakland Local Register. The proposed project was analyzed for potential effects on the significance of the Key System Building as well as the locally designated Downtown Oakland Historic District, to which the historic building is a contributor. As part of this evaluation, character-defining features of the Key System Building were also identified. As a senior architectural historian Amber provided QA/QC.

Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) – Various Campuses, Los Angeles, CA. *Senior Architectural Historian.* As Senior Architectural Historian, Amber has led ESA staff in several historic resource evaluations for the LAUSD on various campuses, all of which occurred prior to modernization efforts, including the 6th Avenue Elementary School, President Elementary School, Thomas Jefferson High School, Burroughs Middle School, and San Pedro High School. A number of LAUSD campuses are eligible historic resources. In addition to preparing historic resource evaluation reports this work has involved consulting with LAUSD and their architectural/construction team to design their project to avoid impacts to the character-defining features of important resources as well as the preparation of HABS-like documentation to fulfill CEQA mitigation. ESA is currently reviewing project plans and providing design consultation for the Hamilton High School campus in Los Angeles. Earlier this year, this five-to-eight-year design-build effort began with the identification of CDFs and continues with regular collaboration with the design team as the plans progress for both the modifications to the historic buildings and design of the new buildings.

City of Oakland On-Call, Oakland, CA. ESA currently serves as the on-call preservation planning consultants to the City of Oakland. In addition to serving as staff for environmental review of major projects involving historic resources, ESA assists the City with landmarks nominations, CEQA and NEPA review, Planning Code modifications, State Historic Building Code applications, and other services related to historic resources throughout the city. As a senior architectural historian Amber often provides QA/QC for these deliverables.

San Francisco International Airport (SFO), Recommended Airport Development Plan EIR, San Francisco, CA. *Senior Architectural Historian.* ESA prepared the Historic Resource Evaluation in support of the EIR for SFO's next long-term master plan—the Recommended Airport Development Plan—that will support the strategic development of the airport over the next two decades. ESAs architectural historian surveyed, researched, and evaluated historic-age buildings located on the airport campus, developing an in-depth context of the airport's history and development since the beginning of the Jet Age. As a senior architectural historian Amber provided QA/QC for this effort.

California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Oroville Spillway Emergency Repair Project, Oroville Dam, CA. *Senior Architectural Historian.* Amber and her staff have been assisting DWR with Section 106 compliance for built environment resources for the emergency spillway repair project. ESA routinely advises DWR staff on portions of the project that affect contributing elements of the National Register eligible Oroville Division Historic District, and preparing Finding of Effect documents to ensure construction is not delayed.

Twin Rivers Project – CEQA/NEPA/Section 106, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). *Senior Architectural Historian.* ESA assisted the SHRA with environmental review of the Twin Rivers project relating to compliance with CEQA, NEPA, and Section 106 of the NHPA on an as needed basis for projects where SHRA. Amber was responsible for research, survey, and evaluation of the historic-age properties within the APE, which included the existing Twin Rivers Housing Complex and Loaves and Fishes. The technical documents were accepted by the City of Sacramento as well as the SHPO.

City of Oakland, 412 Madison Street Project Historic Resource Evaluation, Oakland, CA. *Architectural Historian.* ESA authored a Historic Resource Evaluation for a project site comprised of six parcels in the Jack London Square neighborhood in support of the CEQA checklist for a mixed-use development. As a senior architectural historian Amber provided QA/QC for this effort.

Cultural Resources Services for 16371 Matilija Drive, Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, California. *Senior Architectural Historian.* The Loma Prieta Holdings LLC retained ESA to prepare a cultural resources assessment in support of the permitting process for the residence at 16371 Matilija Drive. The project included demolition of the existing building and construction of a new residence, driveway, and a pool as well as new landscaping. Amber managed evaluated the historic-age building for significance in compliance with CEQA and County regulations. This effort included archival research, a historic architectural survey, evaluation of the property for eligibility for the California Register of Historical Resources and for local listing.