

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

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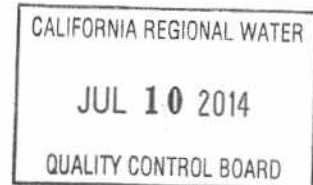
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Mr. Bruce Wolfe
Executive Officer
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Subject: Commendation to Agnes Farres and Alec Naugle
Environmental Remediation Program, Presidio of San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

In May 2014, the Presidio Trust completed the 15-year remediation of numerous former Army waste-release sites at the Presidio of San Francisco allowing for the restoration at this popular urban park of nearly 220 acres of native habitat, historic landscapes, and open space for recreational use, a significant portion of which was accomplished under Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) oversight.

An undertaking of this magnitude would not have been successful without the dedication of the Water Board team. In particular, the Trust commends Ms. Agnes Farres and Mr. Alec Naugle, whose leadership ensured the cleanup was protective of human health and the environment. Highlights of the work completed under their oversight included:

- Excavation of 20,000 yards of petroleum and solvent impacted soil in support of fresh and saltwater marsh expansion in the Quartermaster reach section of the Tennessee Hollow, the Presidio's largest watershed;
- Use of innovative in-situ thermal desorption technology to remove solvents in soil and groundwater adjacent to historic structures that contribute to the Presidio's National Historic Landmark designation; and
- Closure of 585 former tank sites and removal of miles of fuel distribution piping.

The Water Board rescinded its Order on May 14, 2014 based on the successful completion of the remediation effort. My sincerest thanks to the Water Board team and to Agnes and Alec in particular, for their role in meeting this major milestone and its lasting contribution to the mission of preserving and enhancing the Presidio as an enduring resource for the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Middleton".

Craig Middleton
Executive Director

cc: Agnes Farres and Alec Naugle