



**Re: Public Comment Letter- Item 10 - 900 Innes Remediation Project by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department in the City and County of San Francisco; BCDC Permit Application No. 2019.003.00**

Dear BCDC Commissioners:

My name is Alejandra Chiesa, I am the Bay Area Program Director with The Trust for Public Land and I am writing on behalf of the Trust for Public Land, in strong support of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's proposed 900 Innes Remediation Project at India Basin.

The Trust for Public Land has a history of successful partnerships with the City of San Francisco to create or improve parks working with local communities and stakeholders. Since 2014, The Trust for Public Land and the San Francisco Rec and Parks Department have worked with partners and community based organizations to ensure Bayview/Hunters Point and India Basin residents were well represented and deeply engaged in the remediation efforts and the design for the future park at 900 Innes and India Basin Shoreline Park.

The Bayview Hunters Point community and the India Basin shoreline have long endured a history of environmental injustice. The proposed cleanup would finally allow for the removal of contaminated soil and sediments, abandoned debris, and structures that are littering the Bay, due to decades of private, industrial uses and neglect. These industrial uses have left a legacy of contamination that has left this shoreline unhealthy and inaccessible to the public.

We see the environmental cleanup of the 900 Innes property as the first step towards equity and resilience building. The future park plans at India Basin and the 900 Innes site will offer multiple acres of Bayfront access, open space, trails, natural habitat, indoor/outdoor programming and learning, and recreational amenities such as concessions, playgrounds, restrooms, and overlooks.

The India Basin shoreline is unique asset in the San Francisco Bay and we want to see the 900 Innes site turned into a public resource for all to access. We look forward to having a beautiful, clean and safe new waterfront park for this community so they can enjoy it with their families, friends and neighbors.

We strongly urge you to approve the remediation project to ensure the site is safe and healthy for community and nearby residents, and for the local plant and wildlife in this area.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

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Alejandra Chiesa | Bay Area Program Director  
The Trust for Public Land

April 14, 2020

**Re: Public Comment Letter- Item 10 - 900 Innes Remediation Project by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department in the City and County of San Francisco; BCDC Permit Application No. 2019.003.00**

Dear BCDC Commissioners:

My name Drew Becher, Executive Director of the San Francisco Parks Alliance, and I am writing in strong support of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's proposed 900 Innes Remediation Project at India Basin.

The San Francisco Parks Alliance champions, transforms and activates parks and public spaces throughout the city. We are the only 501(c)(3) citywide nonprofit organization dedicated to parks and public space in San Francisco. We believe everyone deserves access to safe and welcoming public spaces, regardless of where you live in the city. But, beyond that, we're people who love our parks. We've seen first-hand the difference that community-focused public spaces can make, and we're passionate about bringing in all of the best resources together to support these projects across the city.

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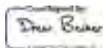
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Throughout the San Francisco Parks Alliance's involvement with the Equitable Development planning process, it has become clear that the India Basin Park renovation project has the potential to do more than renovate a neglected park with physical upgrades. It could be a model of equitable development that ensures the park's revitalization benefits existing neighborhoods long excluded from the City's economic progress.

We strongly urge you to approve the remediation project to ensure the site is safe and healthy for community and nearby residents, and for the local plant and wildlife in this area.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

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Drew Becher, Executive Director  
**San Francisco Parks Alliance**

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**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board**

April 15, 2020  
File No. 38S0060 (mej)

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**Subject: July 30, 2019, Final Remedial Action Plan and Remedial Design Report (RAP/RDR), India Basin, 900 Innes Avenue, City and County of San Francisco**

Dear Ms. Anniken Lydon:

The San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation has worked with the Regional Water Board to investigate the 900 Innes Avenue property and adjacent in water sediments and develop a remedial action plan (Remedy). The Remedy was specifically designed to afford maximum human health and ecological protection for the future use of the land as a public park.

The Remedy which was approved by the Regional Water Board addresses both on-shore and off-shore areas by soil and sediment removal, followed by capping with clean imported soil/sediment. Soils across the entire on-shore area (with exception of that remaining beneath the Shipwright's Cottage) will be removed to a minimum depth of two feet. In areas of pollutant impact, soils will be removed to deeper depths. Before the placement of clean fill material, a geotextile marker will be placed over the on-shore surface as a demarcation layer between native soil and clean import. For the off-shore, sediments, they will be removed to a depth of four feet and then capped with clean imported material.

The remedial approach described above effectively eliminates potential exposure to any residual pollutants that remain in native soil or sediment, thereby affording maximum protection.

The Remedy in draft form was presented to the public during a 30-day public comment period from March 29, 2019 to April 30, 2019. During this time a fact sheet was distributed and a public meeting was held to present the draft Remedy, answer questions and take public comment. All comments received were responded to and the document updated, as appropriate, prior to approval. A copy of the fact sheet which describes the Remedy in further detail is attached.

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JIM McGRATH, CHAIR | MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Johnson of my staff at (510) 622-2493 or [mark.johnson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mark.johnson@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Proposed Clean-up Plan, fact sheet

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## **Clean-up Plan Proposed Invitation for Public Comment India Basin, 900 Innes Avenue, San Francisco**

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) is the lead agency overseeing the environmental clean-up of the India Basin, 900 Innes Avenue site (Site), for use as a future public park. Figure 1 shows the location and extent of the Site. The Water Board is holding a 30-day public comment period from March 29, 2019 to April 30, 2019 on the Draft Clean-up Plan, also known as a “Draft Remedial Action Plan and Remedial Design Report.” A Public Meeting will be held to present the Draft Clean-up Plan, answer questions, and receive comments. Public Meeting details and how you may comment are listed below. Copies of the Draft Clean-up Plan are available online or at the document locations listed on page 5.

The Draft Clean-up Plan details the work that the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (City) will perform, focusing on landside (onshore) soils and nearshore and offshore Bay sediments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 29, 2019 – April 30, 2019**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 5:30pm-6:30pm at  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 404 Hawes Street San Francisco, CA 94124**

You can submit comments orally or in writing. Please send your comments by April 30, 2019, to: Mark Johnson, Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, California 94612, [mark.johnson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mark.johnson@waterboards.ca.gov) or phone: (510) 622-2493.

### **Site History and Background**

The Site is located on the eastern shoreline of San Francisco, in the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood.

The 900 Innes property functioned as a boat building and repair facility for over 120 years. The City acquired the property in 2014. The Site, which is no longer in use, contains historical buildings, paved areas, boat launches, and docks. The Site location, layout and historical uses are shown in Figure 1 below.

The City plans to redevelop the Site to create improved parkland along the shoreline, connect the Site to the India Basin Shoreline Park (to the north), and fill a gap in the Bay Trail.

**Figure 1. Site Layout and Historical Uses**



## Environmental Studies

Since 2013, several studies have been completed at the Site to determine the type and levels of pollution present. Contaminants found in onshore soil and Bay sediment include metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and polychlorinated biphenyls. These chemicals are commonly associated with boat building and repair operations. The highest contaminant concentrations in the onshore soil were measured within the top 1 foot (green area, Figure 2). Below this depth, the highest concentrations were measured near the historical boat launch (yellow area, Figure 2). The highest contaminant concentrations in the Bay sediment were measured near the shoreline (purple area, Figure 2). Further offshore, contaminants were mostly buried under several feet of sediment, except in one isolated location where contaminants were found near the surface (dotted tan circle, upper right, Figure 2). Site groundwater contained various metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons but at low concentrations that would not pose a significant threat to the Bay or would require active clean-up.

## Draft Clean-up Plan

The City is carrying out a voluntary clean-up of the Site to protect both future park users and the environment. The Draft Clean-up Plan addresses pollutant impacts found on the Site. These impacts are categorized into two major areas that are targeted for clean-up: (i) onshore soils and (ii) nearshore and offshore Bay sediments. These clean-up areas are shown on Figure 2.

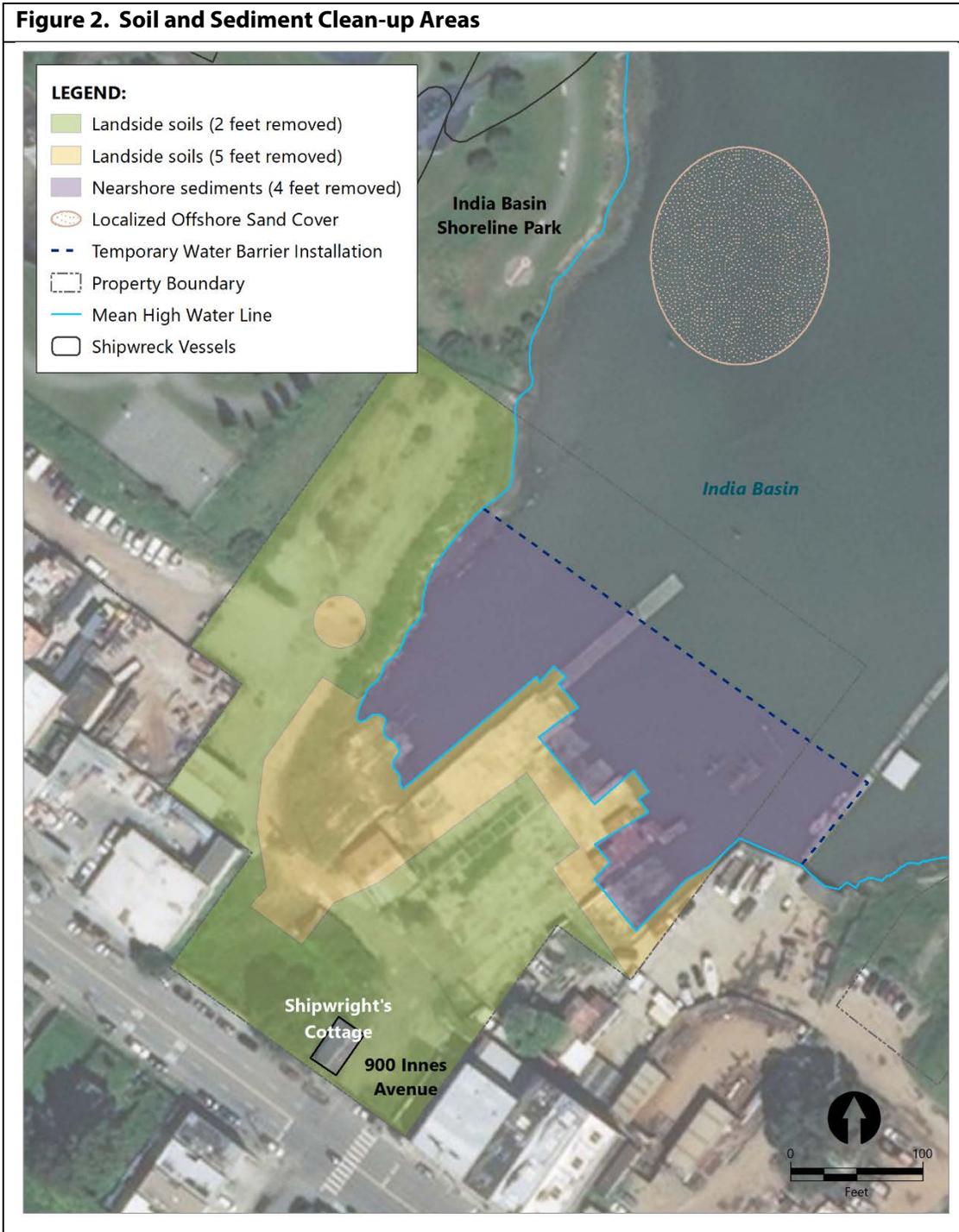
Clean-up goals and designs were developed for identified pollutants to protect future human health and aquatic uses at the Site. The onshore soils will be removed to depths of 2 feet and 5 feet (shown in green and yellow on Figure 2). The historical Shipwright's Cottage will be saved and cleaned up during the clean-up work. All other debris will be removed. The nearshore sediments will be removed to a depth of 4 feet (shown in purple on Figure 2). Removed soils, sediments, and debris will be hauled off-site by truck to one or more appropriately permitted landfill facilities.

Soil removal on the onshore portion will be followed by geotextile placement (bright colored plastic net fabric), then by a Clean Cover of 2 to 5 feet of fill soil to restore final surface grades. The geotextile will act as a marker between the Clean Cover soil and native site soil. All fill soil will be tested prior to use to confirm it is clean. Clean Cover placement will eliminate exposure to any residual contamination in soil. Sediment removal in the nearshore area will also be followed by Clean Cover placement but will not include the geotextile marker. One area in the offshore sediments (dotted tan circle, upper right, Figure 2) will be capped with clean layer of sand.

Samples will be collected during the clean-up work to confirm that the clean-up goals are met. These efforts will protect future park users and plants and animals in the Bay.

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Once clean-up has been completed, a Land Use Control and Site Management Plan (SMP) will be applied to the property. The Land Use Control requires that the Site uses protect the clean-up actions taken. The SMP sets forth procedures for soil handling to be used both during and following park construction to protect human health, the environment and make sure the Clean Cover is protected. The SMP will also ensure that deeper soil below the clean fill layer is handled properly and not brought to the surface.



### Next Steps

The public is encouraged to submit comments on the Draft Clean-up Plan. The public review period is from March 29, 2019 to April 30, 2019. A public meeting will take place on April 16, 2019, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 404 Hawes Street San Francisco, CA 94124. The Water Board will review, consider and respond to all comments.

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The Water Board will then respond to the Draft Clean-up Plan.

### Draft Clean-up Plan Availability

The Draft Clean-up Plan can be found in the following locations:

**Online:** The Water Board maintains their files online on the GeoTracker website at:

<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>. (Click first on "Tools" and then on "Advanced Search" and enter Case ID number: **T10000009966**).

#### Bayview/Linda Brooks-Burton Public Library, Reference Desk

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Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Additional Information

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was published on September 13, 2017, for public comment. Responses to comments on the Draft EIR were published on July 11, 2018. The Draft and Final EIR can be found on the City and County of San Francisco Planning Department website: <https://sf-planning.org/environmental-impact-reports-negative-declarations>.

Additional project information can be found at the City's website dedicated to the India Basin Waterfront redevelopment project: <http://ibwaterfrontparks.com>.

### Water Board Contact Information

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#### ESTE AVISO ESTÁ DISPONIBLE EN ESPAÑOL

Se puede solicitar este aviso en español. Por favor póngase en contacto con Mark Johnson del Tablero (Junta) de Control de Calidad de Agua Regional, Región de la Bahía de San Francisco por correo electrónico a [mark.johnson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mark.johnson@waterboards.ca.gov) para recibir una versión traducida. También se puede encontrar en el sitio Web GeoTracker: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>. (Haga clic en "Tools" y entonces en "Advanced Search" e ingrese el número de identificación del caso: **T10000009966**).

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April 15, 2020

Dear BCDC Commissioners:

My name is Ellouise Patton, a native Bayview resident. I am writing in strong support of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's proposed 900 Innes Remediation Project at India Basin.

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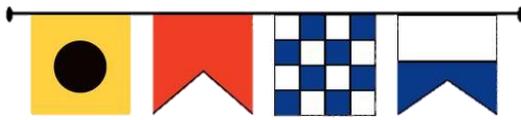
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Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Ellouise Patton



**INDIA BASIN**  
**Neighborhood Association**

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TO: BCDC Commission

FROM: Jill Fox, chair, India Basin Neighborhood Association

[JFOX713@gmail.com](mailto:JFOX713@gmail.com); 415 420-9887; PO Box 880953, SF CA 94188; [indiabasin.org](http://indiabasin.org)

RE: Public comment, Item 10, April 16, 2020 agenda: San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department India Basin 900 Innes Remediation Project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's remediation project plans for the center of our neighborhood. The India Basin Neighborhood Association (IBNA) has a long commitment to the historic boatyard at 900 Innes becoming a park. In 1999 IBNA members conceived a large waterfront park in our community as part of the RPD "Dream Park" planning process and has continued to lead the effort to landmark the Shipwrights Cottage, acquire the historic boatyard, and develop the park ever since. IBNA does not oppose environmental cleanup as a step toward the long-desired waterfront park.

However, we do have concerns that we hope either the BCDC or RPD can address:

**Can both BCDC and RPD acknowledge the boatyard history?**

The historic boatyard at 900 Innes is not just any park land, nor was it only a "boat repair yard" as stated in documents prepared for this meeting. India Basin was once the centerpiece of wooden boatbuilding in Northern California; this 900 Innes boatyard specialized in scow schooners. In the days before trucks and bridges, scow schooners were vital for taking manufactured goods to the central valley and bringing produce and hay from farmlands into San Francisco. Boats built here include the *Alma*, now a National Historic Landmark, and Jack London's *Snark*. IBNA hopes a centerpiece of the park will honor the important contribution to the Bay and California history made by the union shipwright's working at 900 Innes from 1860 into the 1990s.

*Advocating for our community since 1994*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Jill Fox, Chair. Michael Hamman. Sean Karlin. Richard Laufman. Monica Padilla-Stemmelen. David Springer

### **Will RPD use barges to move some of the materials in and out of the site?**

At public meetings last year IBNA members suggested that RPD utilize barges whenever possible to move materials in and out of the site. Neighbors are especially concerned about the noise, pollution, and traffic safety impact from the estimated 2,500 truck trips in and out of the site during this cleanup. The neighborhood is also directly impacted by the on-going cleanup and construction at the nearby Hunters Point Shipyard and is especially concerned about the cumulative effects of these vehicles.

### **What impacts will there be on the adjacent community during this construction?**

IBNA would appreciate information about work hours; transportation routes if not all materials can be moved via barge; air-quality and noise impacts on nearby businesses and homes; any street closures or parking restrictions; and any use restrictions on the adjacent India Basin Shoreline Park, India Basin Open Space, and the Bay (for example for boating or fishing).

### **How is RPD dealing with the utility poles (and lines) currently on site?**

There are utility poles on the site along Hudson Street with what appear to be utility lines on them. There are also utility poles and definitely utility lines along Innes Avenue adjacent to the park land. How are these poles and utility lines being addressed?

Established in 1994, IBNA is a membership organization of local residents, business owners and workers, and friends of the community managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The IBNA mission is to “preserve the maritime history, natural beauty, diverse character and unique ambiance of the vibrant mixed-use neighborhood of India Basin through community organizing.”

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to learn more details of the concerns outlined in these brief comments. Thank you for your consideration of our perspective.

**India Basin Neighborhood Association**

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# Email Letters of Support to:

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Dear BCDC Commissioners:

My name is Jessica Campos and I am Center Manager at Wu Yee Children's Services, and am writing in strong support of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's proposed 900 Innes Remediation Project at India Basin.

Wu Yee's programs focus on prevention, early intervention, education, and advocacy. We offer a variety of services through center-based infant/toddler and preschool care, family child care (FCC), and home based services designed to support families with educational opportunities, resources, and to prepare children to be successful in school.

We provide comprehensive services for pregnant women and children from birth through age five, with integrated education, health, nutrition, mental health, and family support services. We're committed to partnering with families in order to create an environment that fosters opportunities for children to learn and for families to succeed.

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This improvement would provide community members a sense of security and relief of being able to go out and enjoy a space as beautiful as the shoreline. Our community has endured many hardships within

the years and it is time to remediate this by renovating and improving spaces such as 900 Innes as a start to showcase the beauty of Bayview/Hunters Point. Community members deserve to be in a safe and clean environment for their family and themselves. The families that we serve will be impacted greatly to know that their health is being put as priority and one less stress to impact their day to day living.

We strongly urge you to approve the remediation project to ensure the site is safe and healthy for community and nearby residents, and for the local plant and wildlife in this area.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Jessica Campos

Wu Yee Children's Services