

THE PRESIDIO TRUST
ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS POLICY

Archaeology provides a powerful touchstone for people to connect to the human past. At the Presidio of San Francisco (Presidio), archaeological investigations and programs have played an important role in developing an understanding of our shared cultural heritage. Archaeological sites in Area B of the Presidio, including the cornerstone of the Presidio Trust's archaeology program, El Presidio de San Francisco, contribute to the National Historic Landmark District and are protected under federal law. The Presidio Trust (Trust) is responsible for managing archaeological collections that derive from these sites in accordance with 36 CFR Part 79, Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archaeological Collections. These collections are held in the public trust and the Trust will see to their proper care in fulfillment of its duty to the public.

The scope of the Trust's archaeological collections, recovered from Area B of the Presidio, includes assemblages related to the occupation and use of the Presidio by various cultures and groups over the last several thousand years. As outlined in the Presidio Trust Management Plan, the Trust will manage its collections to ensure the preservation of, and public access to, Presidio artifacts.

In implementing this policy, the Executive Director shall develop the Presidio Trust Archaeological Collections Management Guidelines, in consultation with the National Park Service, that establish appropriate legal, ethical and professional standards for acquiring, managing and maintaining Trust archaeological collections.