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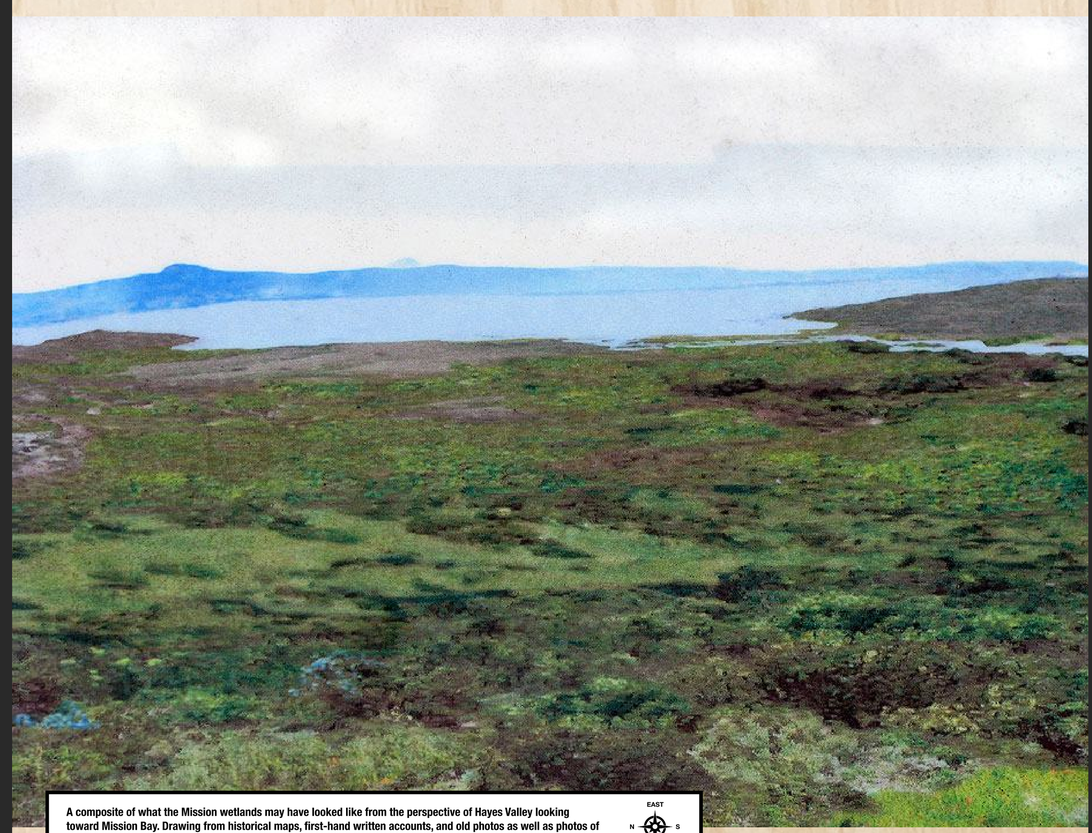

A composite of what the Mission wetlands may have looked like from the perspective of Hayes Valley looking toward Mission Bay. Drawing from historical maps, first-hand written accounts, and old photos as well as photos of still-existing ecosystems that resemble the natural landscape of San Francisco by Mark Brest van Kempen. [1]

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5,000 years ago, the area right here at Treat Plaza was part of a natural bay. Water met land in a large marshy area known as “tidal wetlands.”

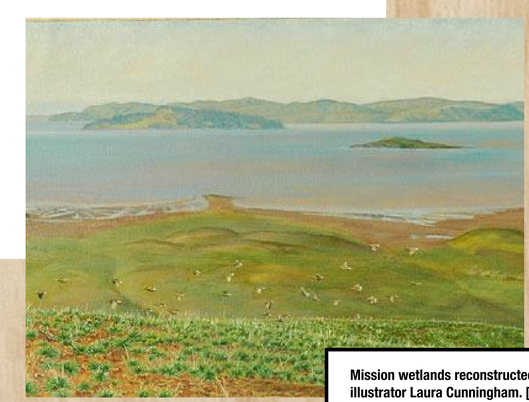
Hace 5,000 años, el área justo aquí en Treat Plaza era parte de una bahía natural. El agua se encontraba con la tierra en una gran zona pantanosa conocida como "humedales de marea."

El agua fluía desde las colinas en el centro de San Francisco siguiendo un camino similar al de las líneas actuales de aguas pluviales y alcantarillado.

Water flowed from the hills in the center of San Francisco following a similar path of today’s stormwater and sewage lines.

The tidal wetlands were salty at king tide and mudflats at low tide with freshwater rivulets.

Los humedales de marea eran salados durante la marea alta y se convertían en marismas durante la marea baja, con pequeños riachuelos de agua dulce.



Mission wetlands reconstructed view created by illustrator Laura Cunningham. [2]

Beginning around 15,000 years ago, global water levels gradually rose, filling in the coastal river valley that became San Francisco Bay and reaching present heights around 5,000 years ago. [3]

A partir de hace aproximadamente 15,000 años, los niveles globales de agua aumentaron gradualmente, llenando el valle del río costero que se convirtió en la Bahía de San Francisco y alcanzando las alturas actuales hace alrededor de 5,000 años. [3]

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Panel B: First People

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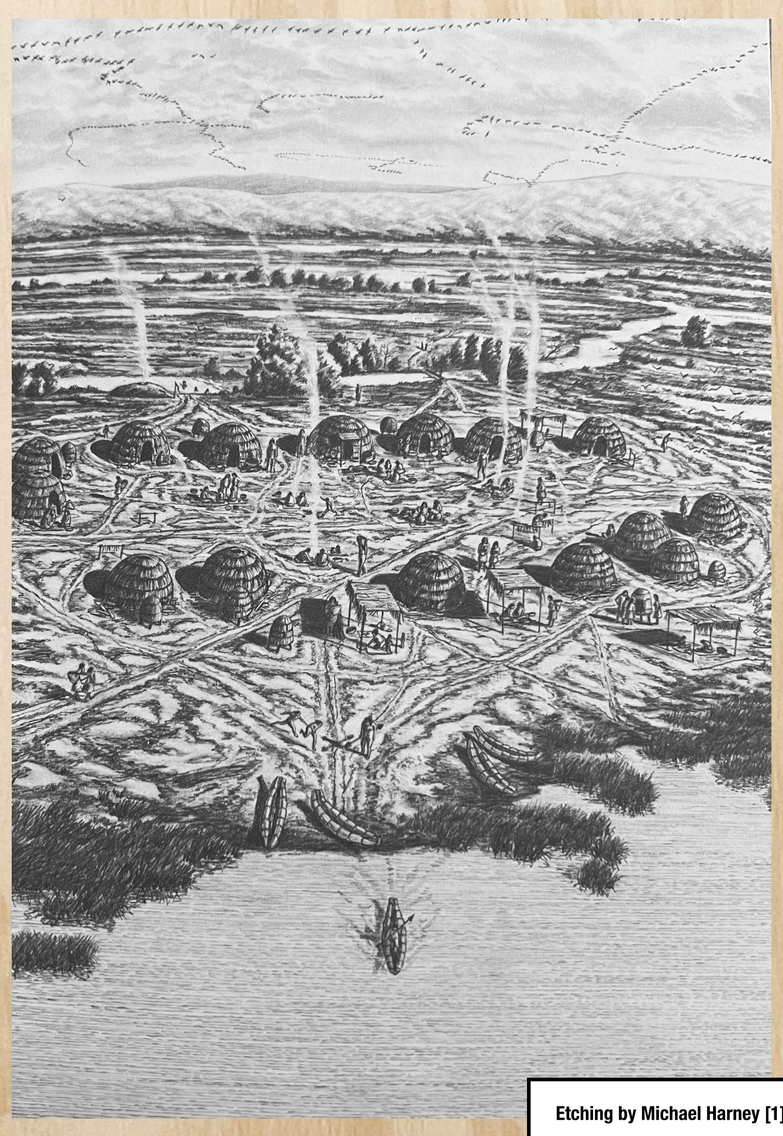

Etching by Michael Harney [1]

The oldest known sites of human habitation in the Bay Area date back to about 10,000 years ago and older sites may lie below today’s waterline. [2]

Los sitios más antiguos conocidos de habitación humana en el Área de la Bahía datan de hace 10,000 u 11,000 años, mientras que sitios aún más antiguos pueden estar ubicados bajo la línea de agua actual. [2]

Un asentamiento llamado Chutchui estaba ubicado a lo largo del arroyo por encima de la actual Plaza Treat, utilizado por los Yelamu, una tribu independiente de los pueblos Ramaytush Ohlone.

Along the creek above modern day Treat Plaza a settlement called Chutchui was used by Yelamu, an independent tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples.

Los pueblos Ramaytush Ohlone son los habitantes originales de la Península de San Francisco, residiendo allí durante miles de años antes del contacto europeo. Vivían en aldeas a lo largo de la Bahía de San Francisco y dependían de la pesca, la caza y la recolección para su sustento. [1]

The Ramaytush Ohlone people are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula, residing there for thousands of years before European contact. They lived in villages along the San Francisco Bay and relied on fishing, hunting, and gathering for sustenance. [1]

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