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## Statement from Carin High, Co-Chair of the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge on the Ruling by First District Court of Appeals:

"We are disappointed by the decision of the Court of Appeals, but we remain undeterred in our decades-long efforts to protect Newark Area 4 as part of the Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge. As our region's scientific community has articulated, these wetlands and restorable wetlands are just too important to the long-term health of our Bay to let them be developed. Time and time again, our region has banded together to protect our Bay, and we'll continue to pursue every avenue to stop this destructive development."



Aerial Photo of Newark Area 4 (Photo by Derell Licht). Image available for media use.

## About Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge:

The Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge is an all-volunteer organization that for over 50 years has championed the creation, expansion and protection of San Francisco Bay's National Wildlife Refuge - the first urban national wildlife refuge in the country. Since leading successful efforts to create the Refuge in 1974, and expand it in 1988, the organization has tirelessly fought to protect the Refuge and potential Refuge lands and promote the recovery of the diverse ecosystems that make San Francisco Bay the ecological heart of our region.<u>www.bayrefuge.org</u>