

Viega Project Profile



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“The flameless aspect of ProPress® put everyone’s mind at ease.”

Brian Rasmussen, Project Manager, City Front Plumbing

Incorporating a sustainable LEED design, and environmentally forward applications, City Front Plumbing kept flames away from the historic structures of Fort Baker by using Viega ProPress®.



Located at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge, Fort Baker is a historic district under major revitalization.

CHALLENGE

Once operating as an Army Post, Fort Baker is transforming into a first-class retreat and conference center. Besides the challenge of salvaging and restoring 23 Army-vacated buildings, and constructing other additions, City Front Plumbing was contracted to update the water service lines without disrupting the historic antiquity of the fort.

SOLUTION

“This is a short-term project that I’ve lost a little sleep over,” said Brian Rasmussen. Troubled by the problem of keeping flames away from the 75-ft. redwood timbers spanning the historic sites, City Front Plumbing found salvation in 1” to 2” Viega ProPress® fittings. “When dealing with 100-year old timber, flame is a huge concern,” said Brian Rasmussen. Welding and soldering wasn’t an option.

RESULTS

The ProPress System allowed City Front Plumbing to save money, adhere to time frame and flame restriction requirements, and Brian is sleeping soundly again. “Initially, I told the owner I was against using ProPress. I’m a tradesman. I’m a welder. There’s no way it can hold better than my weld,” Rasmussen jokes. “Then I saw how it worked and the whole concept changed my mind. It’s not only simple, but reliable. After testing it and putting pressure on it there wasn’t a single leak.”

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