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## **Bank of the West CEO Named to Presidio Trust — Michael Shepherd Gets Presidential Nod**

SAN FRANCISCO--(January 25, 2008)--Bank of the West President and CEO Michael Shepherd has been named by President Bush to the board of directors of the Presidio Trust.

The Presidio Trust oversees management of the Presidio of San Francisco, a 1,500-acre former military base that is now a National Historic Landmark District.

“It is an honor to be appointed by the President to the board of the Presidio Trust,” Shepherd said. “The Presidio is a jewel of the Bay Area and a national treasure. I look forward to contributing to the stewardship of its magnificent historical, cultural and natural resources.”

Shepherd’s appointment to the seven-member board replaces director Joseph Yew, who completes his term later this month.

Shepherd became President and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of the West on January 1, 2008, having previously served as President and Chief Operating Officer since July 2006. Shepherd, who joined the Bank in 2004, is also is a Director of Bank of the West and its holding company, BancWest Corporation.

Shepherd is a director of Promontory Interfinancial Network and Episcopal Charities of California, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Financial Services Roundtable.

About Bank of the West: Founded in 1874, \$59.4 billion-asset Bank of the West ([www.bankofthewest.com](http://www.bankofthewest.com)) offers a full range of personal, business, trust and international banking services and currently operates more than 700 banking locations in 19 Western and Midwestern states.

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