



# Oakland Measure DD Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks Community Coalition

**Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2022, 7:10 p.m.**

A [video recording of this meeting is available here](#) Additional [meeting files are available here](#)

Welcome by Agenda Committee Member, Adrian Cotter and introductions of other agenda committee members Myra Redman and Bob Redman.

Review of Zoom meeting protocol: recording, chat, mute, raise hand and transcription.

## **1. Introductions of Coalition meeting participants [Coalition is open to public]**

Adrian Cotter	Coalition Agenda Committee, <a href="#">Website</a>
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond	Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation, Admin
Myra Redman	Lake Merritt Institute, Weed Warriors, Agenda Committee
Bob Redman	Essex, Community Action Committee
Naomi Schiff	CALM, Oakland Heritage Alliance
John Klein	CALM
Dee Rosario	East Bay Parks, WARD 2
Jennie Gerard	Lake Merritt Weed Warriors
Katie Noonan	Rotary Nature Center Friends, Lake Merritt Institute
David Wofford	Rotary Nature Center Friends
Bill Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Sandy Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Rick Rickard	Bike East Bay, East Bay Regional Parks District
Advisory Council	
Stephanie McFadden	East Bay Rowing Club
Kathryn Kasch	Resident
Josiah Albertson	Essex, Community Action Committee
Jett	Resident neighbor
Damon Tighe	Community member
Lee Aurich	Resident neighbor
Harvey Castro	Concerned Citizen
Jabari Jourdan Ali	Orton Development
Rhonda Nelson	East Bay Rowing Club
Vince	Resident neighbor
Vivian	Concerned Citizen
DM Frasier	Orton Development
Revital	Concerned Citizen
Charles	Concerned Citizen
Lady Bee	Concerned Citizen

## **City of Oakland Attendees**

Mike Perlmutter                      Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works

Terri Fashing

Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager

**2. No changes to the agenda**

**3. Final July 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes were adopted without revision**

**4. Progress update on the Kaiser Auditorium project**.....Jabari Jourdan-Ali, APM and DM Frazier, APM, Orton Development

Jabari gave an overview of plans and progress of the Kaiser/Civic Auditorium rehabilitation project. He emphasized focus on arts and entertainment uses and collaborations between neighboring stakeholders and anchor tenants. He invited the Coalition to tour facilities in the next month. If you are interested, please [complete form here](#).

The Coalition had questions on specific connectivity to bike routes, Measure DD-funded natural surroundings and instructional access to the water.

**5. DD Program Manager's report**..... Terri Fashing Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager

For Measure DD Program detailed report see [Detailed Project Update Table](#) and [Project Update Presentation](#) . Projects with no current updates are tracked there.

Lake Merritt Channel at 7th Street Pedestrian: Crosswalk has been repaired.

Measure DD Coalition Administrative Support Contract. Next area to focus on will be Map tool. [Public can sign up for email list here](#).

Lake Merritt Channel at 10th Street: Environmental Services Associates (ESA) to provide a proposal to update wetland revegetation bid documents for Peralta Park. Replanting likely to happen late 2024 in marsh mitigation. Bill Threlfall asked how this regulatory work is being funded. Terri said remainder funds from the 12<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge project and from the LM Channel to Estuary Connection Design project are being used for the fence (complete) and for the wetland revegetation.

7<sup>th</sup> Tide Gate Operations will be fully updated in November's meeting.

Estuary Park: [Schematic design](#) completed in July 2022. Phase I is planned for Fall 2024. See Map and [Estuary Park website](#) . Additional details later in today's meeting from Bill.

Crowley Trail in early design phase and construction estimated for 2024.

Union Point Park to 23rd Avenue Trail (aka Miller Milling to Cemex, E. 7th St to 23rd/29th Aves). Permissions to enter with all three private property owners obtained end of June. Geotechnical borings, topographic survey and environmental site assessment work in progress.

Waterfront Trail Connections at Park and High Street Bridges. City meeting with various planning stakeholders including commercial mariners. EBRPD and City agreed that the project's proposed Tidal Canal narrowing, resulting from the trail connection and new fender system, has the potential to increase navigational challenges for commercial mariners and undue safety risks. EBRPD is looking at an overland connection at High Street. Park Street trail connection still possible.

Waterfront Trail at Fruitvale. Permits in process. Construction planned for Spring 2024.

Courtland Creek moving along nicely. There are plans to seek additional funding from an existing funder to cover costs for vegetation removal that are expected to be higher than anticipated due to cost escalation. Working through external permits and agreements. Construction on schedule.

Glen Echo Creek Restoration. Initial data gathering completed. Plans finalized for Public Engagement. Report finalized for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Public Access. Public stakeholder meetings starting in October.

Some questions from Coalition were asked including a desire for additional financial project tracking information for staffing costs.

**6. CIP Letter Response and Update** ..... Adrian Cotter, Agenda Committee  
Adrian shared updates about the communication between the city and the coalition in regards to the CIP process and how that relates to the Measure DD Enhancement List for unused funds. Public Works will be looking at how the proposed enhancements fit into existing approved projects or if they need to go through CIP (and get council approval). Further history and the city's response is available online. [Letter link](#). And [Enhancement List](#)

**7. Estuary Park** ..... Bill Threlfall, Waterfront Action  
Bill provided background of design progress and feedback from Coalition study group. The city's design team has concerns about edge of water and integration to parking lot. And plans for security and resiliency. [link to Estuary update document](#)

**8. Report on the ecosystem die off in Lake Merritt from the recent San Francisco Bay Harmful Algal Bloom event**..... Damon Tighe, Katie Noonan, Rotary Nature Center Friends, Terri Fashing, OPW  
Damon gave a [Presentation](#) on Algal Bloom that caused fish die off in Lake Merritt. For access to longer presentation see on [Youtube](#). Katie shared how there has been support collecting information to study and look at oxygen levels. There is collective work to set up Sensors and keep tide gates open for flow. Terri shared there are plans to form Lake Merritt Management Plan contract to address at city level. All are eager for next steps.

**Downtown Specific Plan effects** .....Naomi Schiff  
The plan will impact the West side of the Lake. There are zoning updates suggesting increasing building heights. Interested wanting additional information should contact Naomi.

**Announcements**

- a) [Rotary Nature Center Friends](#) on-line events.....Katie Noonan  
October 14 Lakeside Chat #24 Online Event [Registration](#)  
The River Otter Ecology Project with Megan Isadore
- b) [Lake Merritt Weed Warriors](#) .....Jennie Gerard  
October 1 Next workday on Harrison

**Assigned tasks & agenda suggestions for next Coalition meeting, November 21, 2022**

- a) Tour of Kaiser Auditorium. [complete form here](#).

[Next meeting November 21, 2022 7pm](#)

**Adjourn 9:10pm**

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