



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

**Meeting minutes - March 20, 2023, 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 John Bowers.

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

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

David Wofford	Rotary Nature Center Friends
Adrian Cotter	Community for Lake Merritt, DD Agenda Committee
Nancy Forbord	Essex Community Action Committee
Hazel Tesoro	Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF), DD Coalition administrator
James Vann	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt
Myra Redman	Lake Merritt Institute, Measure DD
Bob Redman	Essex Community Action Committee
Bill Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Sandy Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Katie Noonan	Rotary Nature Center Friends, Lake Merritt Institute
Rick Rickard	Bike East Bay
John Bowers	Lake Merritt Institute, Measure DD Agenda Committee
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond	Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF), DD Coalition administrator
Jennie Gerard	Lake Merritt Weed Warriors
Richard Bailey	Lake Merritt Institute
Sam Burd	Essex Community Action Committee
Naomi Schiff	Oakland Heritage Alliance, Measure DD
Lee Aurich	Lake Merritt Institute
Sarah V.	Essex resident, Splash Pad newsletter, Gardens at Lake Merritt
Darwin BG	Reporter observing
Vince Geronimo	Cleveland Heights resident, PRAC applicant
Stephanie McFadden	East Bay Rowing Club

## **City of Oakland Attendees**

Terri Fashing Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Measure DD, Acting Manager

## **2. No changes to agenda**

3. **Final February 20, 2023, meeting minutes were adopted without revision** [\[link to minutes and materials\]](#)
4. **Agenda Committee Elections** No new nominations for volunteers and meeting facilitator. Move to acclimation proposed. Adrian Cotter welcomed help with facilitating meetings. David Wofford says he can help occasionally.
5. **DD Program Manager Report**.....Terri Fashing Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager

Two project management documents now available on [Measure DD website](#), including [Measure DD Project Update Table March 2023](#) and [Measure DD Project Update 2023 March meeting](#)

### Project Update

- **Lake Merritt & Channel** recently completed.
- **Tide Gate** Terri will continue to reach out to the District this week to schedule a meeting with District staff for final comments on memo and list of questions from Coalition.
- **Lake Merritt Interpretive Signs** Aiming for April installment. New temporary engineer will help relieve some work backup.
- **Granite Path Repair** Project Manager (PM) completed site walk and is waiting for quote from subcontractor.
- **Lake Merritt 10<sup>th</sup> St. Channel** Remaining work on mitigation wetland to replant and repair irrigation system. PM is working to move project along and is looking to use remaining funds cost-effectively. Contractor may be hired to do replanting, but maintenance will need volunteer help. New fence is preventing encampments and waste which helps to bring in volunteers. Terri will talk with PM regarding question about putting up signage.
- **Waterfront trails Union Pt. Park** Phase 2 environmental assessment is complete. Draft Geotech report being reviewed. CA state hazardous amount of lead found at Milner Milling. Consultant working on order-of-magnitude cost estimation. Completion and review of consultant’s work to gain full understanding of how to move forward is expected by summertime. After this process is complete, City plans to meet with East Bay Reg. Parks District (EBRPD) re: easement acquisition. Terri and Rick Rickard to meet with Dee Rosario (EBRPD board member) and staff when ready. Coalition members asked about eminent domain and whether Dee could present on EBRPD’s experience. Terri to reach out to EBRPD staff, and Rick Rickard will speak with Dee.
- **Park St. Bridge** On hold due to initial work needed to ensure 7<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a project.
- **EBRPD Waterfront** Terri provided this additional update because she will present to Public Works Committee (OPW Committee of City Council) on April 11th.
- **Crowley Trail** EBRPD working with the Port of Oakland to develop the trail. In the preliminary design phase.
- **Gallagher & Burk** Project feasibility currently under preliminary assessment.
- **Hanson Aggregates** EBRPD in negotiations with property owner re: trail easement.
- **Courtland Creek Restoration** Tree removal is complete. Construction contract bids due 3/30/23, go to Public Works Committee April 11<sup>th</sup>, then City Council later in April. Construction to begin in July.

- **Glen Echo Creek Restoration** Still on hold until more staff but more work to be done September/October.
- **Updates on CIP Process**  
 Lake Merritt (LM) Restoration & Water Quality Improvements Category: Terri submitted list of projects for funding after getting Coalition’s feedback. LM Water Quality Management Plan (LMWQMP) scored highest based on City’s prioritization method ([Citywide Prioritization Factors and Weighting System](#)). \$1.5 million remaining for this category, but Terri needs to confirm this amount. Other projects on list fall under Oakland Parks, Recreation, & Youth Development (OPRYD). There are subcategories within this funding category: water quality, rec & youth activities, park restoration and access. Terri needs to look at how much has already been spent on each subcategory, but not sure if bond language requires this ([link to Measure DD text](#)). Review column on ‘New’ vs. ‘Extension.’ Extension projects are already council approved. Problematic that we went with CIP process when we already had some Council approved projects.

Terri wants to understand how the Coalition sees the projects in order to go to CIP to present which project should happen and how to get a project manager assigned. Then other projects would need to wait for next DD funding in about two years. Attach supporting document on project wish list to meeting minutes.

- **Measure DD (MDD) Project Summary table** Updates in progress. Waiting for information from the Finance department. Terri asked if staff expenditure detail can be provided once or twice a year rather than every two months? Some projects funded by other funds in addition to MDD. Full cost of projects should be reflected on table. No additional information requested until next meeting.

**6. Study Group Update on Estuary Park planning: Report.....Bill Threlfall**

Reviewed update from Chris Reed ([link to document](#)) Three upcoming milestones are most relevant. 1) Determine what funds are available for Estuary Park. Will it be funded under bond section two; 2) Work with OPW Management to confirm scope and direction of project; 3) Work with design team to consider a phased construction approach.

Terri will invite Chris Reed to the next meeting to answer more of Coalition’s questions. Chris removed Master Plan from website and is working on a revision to further clarify the work.

**7. Announcements**

- [Rotary Nature Center Friends](#) on-line events.....Katie Noonan  
 Lakeside Chat#29: Radical by Nature: The Revolutionary Life of Alfred Russell Wallace  
 4/14/2023, 7-8pm. Register [HERE](#).  
 View the YouTube [recording](#) of Andrew Alden’s March 3rd Lakeside Chat #28 “Rocks of Lake Merritt.
- [Lake Merritt Weed Warriors](#) – Saturday, March 25th, 9am – noon.....Jennie Gerard
- [Lake Merritt Institute's GoFundMe](#) to raise funding for adequate monitoring buoys and infrastructure to deal with low oxygen episodes, including possible return of HABs.
- Lake Merritt Institute Public Portal for Buoy - lots of charts  
[www.my.LakeTech.com/public-portal/LMI](http://www.my.LakeTech.com/public-portal/LMI) Password is all lower case: revivelakemerritt

## **8. Assigned tasks & agenda suggestions for next meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Terri Fashing**, Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager

- CIP Project Decisions next steps
  - More info on the CIP scores for the listed projects
  - More info on the process on how project managers would be assigned
  - Ballpark amounts for Series D tranches in each of the DD categories
  - Definitions for new proposals
    - Lake Merritt Water Quality Management Project
    - Rotary Nature Center Trails Project (Not sure on exact name, but this was two proposals combined together.)
- MDD Project Summary Status table to be updated for next meeting with staff expenditures included for each project
- Check on warranty for 7th St. repair.
- Confirm what amounts have been spent for each subcategory of Lake Merritt Restoration & Water Quality Improvements Category and remaining amount in this category.
- Communicate with EBPRD staff on Coalition's request for eminent domain presentation.
- Ask Project Manager for Lake Merritt 10th St. Channel about putting up signage and volunteers to help with plant maintenance
- Confirm which public paths/sidewalks at Lake Merritt fall with Dept. of Transportation.

**Rick Rickard** to communicate with Dee Rosario, EBRPD, about eminent domain presentation and how it applies to EBRPD's work on Waterfront trails.

**Naomi Schiff** to send information about billboard ordinance

**Mike Perlmutter** to complete mapping update

**MDD Agenda Committee** to work on tagging MDD indicator for 311 submissions

**Adrian Cotter/OPRF** to post letter sent to OPW and other info about LM Water Quality Management Plan