



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

January 20, 2015

Bruce Wolfe
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: 12/22/2014 letter from BCDC staff

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

The Measure DD Community Coalition is writing to declare its endorsement of the December 22, 2012 letter sent to your attention by Larry Goldzband, Executive Director of the San Francisco Conservation and Development Commission.

Our Coalition was formed in 2003 and sanctioned by the Oakland City Council to provide public input concerning projects and expenditures designated in the 2002 Measure DD Bond. We have an interest in the marsh restoration described in Mr. Goldzband's letter for two reasons:

1. The area originally fell within the scope of the Measure DD bond, which called for park development in this area - "*Meadows Park at Fifth Avenue*". Later, of course, the site was removed from the scope of Measure DD when the Port of Oakland executed an option to purchase agreement with Oakland Harbor Partners for the parcel.
2. Several Measure DD projects are adjacent or nearby, including Estuary Park, Lake Merritt Channel improvements, and various Bay Trail enhancements that will connect with the Bay Trail through the Brooklyn Basin site.

We strongly support the *Current Issues and Request for Agreement* presented in Mr. Goldzband's letter. Since January 20, 2011, public expectations regarding marsh restoration in this area have been set by the terms of BCDC permit 7-06. We urge the involved agencies to fulfill those expectations by coming to an agreement that permits both the marsh restoration and the Brooklyn Basin project to move forward without the risks to the project associated with a material change to the BCDC permit.

Thank you for considering this input.

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Acting upon the direction of the Measure DD Community Coalition

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