



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

Meeting minutes - November 21, 2022, 7:10 p.m.

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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]

Adrian Cotter	Community for Lake Merritt, DD Agenda Committee
Myra Redman	Lake Merritt Institute, Lake Merritt Weed Warriors, DD Agenda Committee
John Bowers	Lake Merritt Institute, DD Agenda Committee
Dee Rosario	East Bay Regional Parks District
James Vann	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt
Bob Redman	Essex Community Action Committee
Bill Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Sandy Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Katie Noonan	Rotary Nature Center Friends, Lake Merritt Institute
David Wofford	Rotary Nature Center Friends,
Rick Rickard	Bike East Bay, East Bay Regional Parks District Advisory Council
Richard Bailey	Lake Merritt Institute
Jennie Gerard	Lake Merritt Weed Warriors, Lake Merritt Advocates
Josiah Albertsen	Essex, Community Action Committee
Nancy Forbord	
Na aka Lady Bee	
Charles	
Vivian	
KTOP, City of Oakland	
Hazel Tesoro	Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, DD Coalition administrator
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond	Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, DD Coalition administrator

City of Oakland attendees

Terri Fashing Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager and Acting DD Bond Administrator

2. No changes to the agenda

3. Final September 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes were adopted without revision

4. DD Program Manager Report.....Terri Fashing Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager

For full Measure DD Program reports see [Project Update Summary](#) and [Detailed Project Update Table](#)
Projects with no current updates are outlined in past documents. Below are projects most recent activities.

Decomposed Granite (DG) Path Repair was last updated at the May 2022 Coalition meeting.
Vendor/contractor putting together a bid to do the work. It's been challenging for the City to find a contractor. City Contract Services is short staffed, which adds delays.

Lake Merritt Channel at 10th Street has concluded plant surveys. Wetland delineation confirmed. Meetings scheduled for December 7 with environmental regulatory agencies to initiate closing out environmental regulatory permits. Trash and homeless encampments persist. Fence to remain to protect wetland habitat until encampments are resolved.

Tide Gate Operations Guidance for the 7th Street Flood Control Facility -The City's memo in the Final draft, until the Flood Control District provides their final written comments. The City sent [these questions from the Measure DD Coalition](#) to the District.

[Oakland Waterfront Access, Parks, and Cleanup](#)

[Estuary Park](#) is at 65% Design development. Draft of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Addendum in process. Phase 1 construction for Fall 2025.

Union Point Park to 23rd Avenue Trail aka Miller Milling to Cemex E. 7th St to 23rd/29th Aves has Geotechnical borings, topographic survey and environmental site assessment field work completed. Proposal for cost estimating easement acquisitions of the three private properties due before the end of November.

Waterfront Trail at Fruitvale (Fruitvale Bridge Gap Closure) construction bid has been advertised. Bids due 11/17/22. Construction start about summer 2023.

Waterfront Trail Connections at Park and High Street Bridges design work for under bridge trail connections being closed out. Overland trail connection to be provided by East Bay Regional Park District. Park Street Bridge design work for under bridge trail connection on hold until easements can be secured to the north of the bridge.

[Courtland Creek](#)

Permits submitted both external and internal for tree removal and grading permits. Contract negotiation in process for tree removal to be completed in January 2023. Creek restoration RFP to be issued in January for work to commence in June/July 2023.

Watershed Lands Acquisition draft prioritization of conservation parcels expected in December. Potential partnership with East Bay Regional Park District on Claremont Canyon expansion. Potential Derby Creek parcel donation from County Tax Assessor to City after November 2023. Coordinating with EBRPD on landfill closure @ Dunsmuir Chabot parcels purchased with DD funds Waiting on response from Sogorea Te Land Trust regarding a potential conservation easement of Temescal Creek headwaters undeveloped parcels.

Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) and Lake Merritt management plan meetings will be organized with multiple stakeholders. The Watershed and Stormwater Management Division (WSMD) would like to implement a pilot project to install devices to improve oxygen levels in the Lake by next summer. This project would include monitoring the Lake's oxygen and other physical characteristics (such as salinity and temperature). Measuring nutrient levels and developing a water quality model would exceed the amount the City has available now for monitoring. Measuring nutrients would not help the City determine where to place aeration devices. Terri plans to schedule meetings in December to discuss monitoring with stakeholders to support move forward before the summer.

Update on Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process and DD projects: There are 11 projects recommended for DD Remainder funds. These projects were entered by WSMD staff, first, on behalf of the Coalition, into the City's public CIP project intake form, and then into the Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development department's CIP project intake form. WSMD staff are communicating regularly with the City's CIP team to ensure that they are added to the FY 23-25 CIP. Once DD funding is matched to a given project, a project manager will need to be assigned. This takes time because there is a long list of projects waiting for a project manager.

Financial Oversight Reporting. More information will be provided regarding past spending. More work is needed to provide reports on staff versus non-staff costs. The Coalition has a desire to see information similar to 2004 Expense Tracking. Bill, Terri and Na to meet. Additional information available to determine when Series D can be sold.

Homeless Encampment impacts to Measure DD Projects. After some discussion from the Coalition, Terri recommended how to work together to address concerns of impacts from encampments. When there are 311 complaints about impacting Measure DD Projects report as email to homelessness@oaklandca.gov, And cc: watersheds@oaklandca.gov, tfashing@oaklandca.gov. It was recommended to use consistent tags for "Measure DD" and "adjacent to water" to help elevate and aggregate requests.

2. Announcements

- a) [Rotary Nature Center Friends](#) , December 2, online [Lakeside Chat Registration](#).....Katie Noonan
[Lakeside Chat #24 Recording](#)
- b) [Lake Merritt Weed Warriors](#) – December 3, 9-12pm. Meet on Lakeside Dr at Jackson St....Jennie Gerard
- c) update from the Estuary Park Plan Study Group..... Bill Threlfall
The group recommends that the entirety of the park be planned for now rather than limiting planning to the portion that will be built in the short term. Terri to discuss this with Chris Reed.

3. Assigned tasks

- a. Measure DD Admin to post [Coalition's questions sent to the County regarding Tide Gate Operations](#).
- b. Terri will share 2018 report on Peralta Creek Marsh, shared with regulators. Will share the new report Dec or Jan.

- c. Measure DD Admin to collaborate with the Coalition and OPW which reports are stored in shared folder, and which posted to website.
- d. Terri to discuss Estuary Park a phase II plan for the Bay Trail, JLAC with C Reed
- e. OPW to reconvene Temporary Technical Water Quality Committee for Lake Merritt water monitoring.
- f. Financial Expenditure Report Taskforce, Bill, Na (Lady Bee) and Terri to meet regarding 2004 report.
- g. Coalition to consider developing committee of all entities surrounding Peralta Park, Laney, OUSD, Oakland Museum, Kaiser/Orton, City, watersheds, bike, EBALDC, etc.
- h. Coalition to establish standard tag or naming filter for reporting issues to help elevate and aggregate requests. "Measure DD" "adjacent to water" were some suggestions.
- i. Terri will help connect Jennie G to appropriate City staff regarding organizing cleanup for the Marsh.

4. Agenda suggestions for next meeting

- a. High St Bridge funds be reprogrammed from High St to other Bay Trail costs? (Series D possibility).
- b. Terri will provide information about the original scope of the Wood Rogers memo at the next meeting.

9:27pm Adjourn, **Next meeting, January 16, 2023, 7pm, zoom**