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Toppled Lake Merritt Eucalyptus Scheduled for Removal

Ceremony of Appreciation Set for Saturday, December 21

Oakland, CA – The City of Oakland Public Works Agency will hold a ceremony of appreciation on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. for the Manna Gum Eucalyptus tree that fell during uncharacteristically high winds in November. The public is invited to join in celebrating this mighty and historic tree, situated between the Camron-Stanford House and Lake Chalet Restaurant on Lakeside Drive.

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On November 21, winds up to 65 miles per hour brought the tree to the ground. The tree is estimated to be almost 150 years old, measuring 120 feet tall, 9.5 feet in diameter, with the root plate alone weighing an estimated 94,000 pounds.

Due to the fire and safety hazards created by this fallen tree, City of Oakland staff will begin trimming branches and limbs this week. The extensive process of removing the tree trunk from its location will follow the ceremony on December 21. Plans are underway to reuse a section of the trunk to demonstrate Oakland history and more information will be made available as the plan develops.

Community members interested in beautifying other parts of Oakland, including parks, creeks, streets and drains, are encouraged to learn more about the Oakland Adopt a Spot program. More information and other volunteer opportunities can be found at www.oaklandadoptaspot.org.

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