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Volunteers Needed to Clean & Beautify Oakland's Creeks & Waterways

Oakland, CA – Volunteers are needed for Oakland's 17th annual **Creek to Bay Day** to help clean and beautify Oakland's creeks, Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary. This event is part of the annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, sponsored by the California Coastal Commission. Volunteers will pick up trash, remove invasive plants, plant California native species and clean up creek beds. Groups of all ages are welcome to participate in this community event, and are encouraged to gather friends, family and co-workers to have fun and help improve the health of our community and environment. Complete event information, including volunteer locations, is available at www.oaklandcreektobay.org.

WHAT: **Oakland's Creek to Bay Day, volunteer cleanup & beautification event**

WHERE: **Lake Merritt, Oakland Estuary and creek locations throughout Oakland**

WHEN: **Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

WHO: **Community volunteers**

All volunteers will receive a reusable tote bag as well as a *Chinook Book*, a local, green coupon booklet that supports Bay Area businesses. The tote bag is part of a greater outreach initiative to encourage the use of reusable bags and to educate residents about the recently passed Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinance. The new legislation, which takes effect January 1, 2013, will ban the distribution of single-use plastic bags at retail stores selling packaged food throughout Alameda County. As volunteers work hard to clean up our creeks and waterways on **Creek to Bay Day**, they will see first-hand the detrimental impacts of single-use plastic bags on fragile riparian and marine ecosystems. Plastic bags and other plastic litter can be ingested by or entangle animals that live in creeks, the Bay and the ocean. As plastic debris degrades, toxins are leached into the water negatively impacting water quality. Using a tote bag when making purchases is a way that everyone can lessen potential impacts on our waterways.

Creek to Bay Day is an opportunity for residents to explore the connections between littering, pollution and the health of our watershed and to work with their neighbors to improve the quality of our waterways. With cleanup and beautification activities at 27 sites, there are plenty of locations for everyone to join this volunteer effort and make a difference in our community.

Volunteers are welcome at the following locations at 9:00 a.m.:

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Arroyo Viejo Creek	Knowland Park at Oakland Zoo 9777 Golf Links Road, inside Zoo entrance
Courtland Creek	Courtland Creek Park Brookdale Avenue at Courtland Avenue
Damon Slough	Oakland Coliseum Entrance 66 th Avenue and Coliseum Way
Glen Echo Creek	Glen Echo Park Monte Vista Avenue off Piedmont Avenue
Glen Echo Creek	Oak Glen Park Across from 3516 Richmond Boulevard
Harwood Creek	Garber Park Near 144 Evergreen Lane
Lake Merritt	Lake Merritt Boating Center 568 Bellevue Avenue
Lion Creek	Leona Heights Park 11900 Campus Drive
Lion Creek	Mills College Botanic Garden Post Bridge Restoration Site across from Olney Hall
Oakland Estuary	Jack London Aquatic Center 115 Embarcadero
Oakland Estuary	Jack London Square 530 Water Street
Park Boulevard Creek	FM Smith Park 1969 Park Boulevard at Newton Avenue
Peralta Creek	Butters Canyon Near 3514 Butters Drive
Peralta Creek	Cesar Chavez Park 3705 Foothill Boulevard at 38 th
Peralta Creek	Peralta Creek Park Wisconsin Street at Rettig Avenue
Peralta Creek	Peralta Hacienda Historical Park 2465 34 th Avenue
Sausal Creek	Barry Place Barry Place and 27 th Street
Sausal Creek	Beaconsfield Canyon Near 2639 Beaconsfield Place
Sausal Creek	Dimond Park 3860 Hanly Road

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Seminary Creek

Temescal Creek

Fern Ravine

10060 Skyline Boulevard, Joaquin Miller Park

Fruitvale Bridge Park *8am – 11am

Fruitvale Avenue at Alameda Avenue

Joaquin Miller Plant Nursery

3594 Sanborn Road, Joaquin Miller Park

Marj Saunders Park

Ascot Drive at Chelton Drive

Shepherd Canyon

Escher Dr., ¼ mi. past Shepherd Canyon Rd.

Wood Park

2920 McKillop Road

Coliseum Flea Market

5401 Coliseum Way

Claremont DMV – Frog Park

Corner of Cavour St. & Redondo Ave.

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