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Volunteers to Clean and Beautify Oakland's Creeks and Waterways

Oakland, CA – Volunteers are needed for Oakland's 18th 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 litter, 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. Public Works Agency Interim Director, Brooke A. Levin encourages everyone, "Come out and get your hands-on experience in cleaning and greening our valuable waterways!"

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 21, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
WHO: Community volunteers

All volunteers will receive a reusable tote to use wherever they shop to help minimize the use of single-use plastic bags, one of the most common types of marine debris. 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. 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 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 33 sites, there are plenty of locations for everyone to join this volunteer effort and make a difference in our community.

For more information about the event, call (510) 238-7611 or email us at adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com.

Volunteers are welcome at the following locations:

Arroyo Viejo Creek	Oakland Zoo 9777 Golf Links Road Inside Zoo entrance, at Maintenance Yard gate
Courtland Creek	Courtland Creek Park Thompson Avenue and Courtland Avenue
Damon Slough	Damon Slough Staging Area Oakport Street near Zhone Way <i>*Volunteer activities from 1:00pm-3:30pm</i>
Damon Slough	Tidewater Boating Center near 4675 Tidewater Avenue <i>*Volunteer activities from 12:00pm-3:30pm</i> <i>*Volunteers must provide their own kayak</i>
Glen Echo Creek	Glen Echo Park Monte Vista Avenue off Piedmont Avenue
Glen Echo Creek	Oak Glen Park Across from 3508 Richmond Boulevard
Harwood Creek	Garber Park near 144 Evergreen Lane
Horseshoe Creek	Baywood Learning Center 4444 Mountain Boulevard
Lake Merritt	Lake Merritt Boating Center 568 Bellevue Avenue
Lion Creek	Leona Heights Park 4444 Mountain Boulevard
Lion Creek	Mills College Post Bridge Restoration Site, across from Olney Hall
Oakland Estuary	Jack London Aquatic Center 115 Embarcadero
Oakland Estuary	Jack London Square 530 Water Street
Peralta Creek	Butters Canyon near 3514 Butters Drive
Peralta Creek	Cesar Chavez Park 3705 Foothill Boulevard
Peralta Creek	Peralta Creek Park Wisconsin Street at Rettig Avenue
Peralta Creek	Peralta Hacienda Historical Park 2465 34 th Avenue
Sausal Creek	Barry Place E 27 th Street and Barry Place

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Sausal Creek

Beaconsfield Canyon
Near 2639 Beaconsfield Place

Sausal Creek

Bridgeview Trailhead
At Bridgeview Drive

Sausal Creek

Dimond Park
3860 Hanly Road

Sausal Creek

Fern Ravine
10060 Skyline Boulevard, Sequoia Arena in
Joaquin Miller Park

Sausal Creek

Fruitvale Bridge Park
Fruitvale Avenue and Alameda Avenue

Sausal Creek

Jingletown
400 Derby Avenue at the shoreline

Sausal Creek

Joaquin Miller Plant Nursery
¼ mi. past 3594 Sanborn Road

Sausal Creek

Marj Saunders Park
Chelton Drive and Ascot Drive

Sausal Creek

Palo Seco Creek
Joaquin Miller Court parking lot at Palos
Colorados Trail

Sausal Creek

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

Sausal Creek

Wood Park
2920 McKillop Road

Seminary Creek

Coliseum Flea Market
5401 Coliseum Way

Temescal Creek

Claremont DMV
corner of Cavour Street and Redondo Avenue

Temescal Creek

North Oakland Sports Field
6900 Broadway

Temescal Creek

Temescal Creek Garden
876 47th Street

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