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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

**Oakland, CA** – Volunteers are needed for Oakland's 19<sup>th</sup> annual **Creek to Bay Day** to help clean and beautify Oakland's creeks and shorelines. **Oakland Creek to Bay Day** is part of California and International Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest volunteer day in California and the world. This day brings out thousands of volunteers to beautify and clean trash from shorelines and waterways across California, the U.S. and in about 100 countries worldwide.

**Oakland Creek to Bay Day** projects contribute to improvement and restoration of Oakland's creeks and shorelines. Local cleanups also help keep trash out of San Francisco Bay, the ocean and our beaches. Data from **Creek to Bay Day** trash collection provides information used to strengthen pollution law and policy.

Removal of trash and invasive plants and planting of native plants are the focus of many **Oakland Creek to Bay Day** projects. Groups of all ages are welcome to participate and encouraged to gather friends, family and co-workers to have fun and help improve the health of our community and environment.

Individuals may drop-in to take part in the event, but groups of ten or more should pre-register with the site coordinator. Complete event information, including volunteer locations, is available at [oaklandcreektobay.org](http://oaklandcreektobay.org).

**WHAT:** **Oakland Creek to Bay Day, volunteer cleanup & beautification event**  
**WHERE:** **Lake Merritt, Oakland Estuary & creek locations throughout Oakland**  
**WHEN:** **Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**  
**WHO:** **Community volunteers**

Volunteers will receive a reusable tote bag to use wherever they shop to help discourage the use of single-use bags, one of the most common types of marine debris. The tote is part of a greater outreach initiative to encourage use of reusable bags, also supporting recent state legislation. Plastic bags and other litter can be ingested by, or entangle, animals living in creeks, the Bay and ocean. As plastic debris degrades, toxins are leached into the water, negatively impacting water quality. Using reusable bags is one simple way everyone can reduce negative impacts to 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 30 sites, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to join this volunteer effort and make a difference in our community.

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**Creek to Bay Day** is sponsored by the City of Oakland Public Works, Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and California Coastal Commission in conjunction with Coastal Cleanup Day.

**Volunteers are welcome at the following locations:**

<b>Creek</b>	<b>Volunteer Site</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
Arroyo Viejo Creek	Arroyo Viejo Park	7701 Krause Avenue
Arroyo Viejo Creek	Knowland Park	Golf Links Road, across from Elysian Fields Drive
Arroyo Viejo Creek	Oakland Zoo	9777 Golf Links Road
Courtland Creek	Courtland Creek Park	Courtland Avenue & Redding Street
Courtland Creek	Courtland Creek Park	Courtland & Brookdale Avenues
East Creek Slough	Oakport Field	5737 Oakport Road
Glen Echo Creek	Glen Echo Park	Monte Vista Avenue & Wilda Avenue
Glen Echo Creek	Oak Glen Park	3600 Richmond Boulevard
Harwood Creek	Garber Park	Via Claremont Avenue, entrance to Garber Park
Horseshoe Creek	Leona Heights Park	11900 Campus Drive
Lake Merritt	Channel Park (Cleanup is Friday, Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> )	Laney College Campus
Lake Merritt	Lake Merritt Boating Center	568 Bellevue Avenue
Lion Creek	Mills College	Front Gate at 5000 MacArthur
Palo Seco Creek	Joaquin Miller Plant Nursery	¼ mile past 3594 Sanborn Drive
Peralta Creek	Butters Canyon	Near 3514 Butters Drive
Peralta Creek	Nicol Park	Nicol & Coolidge Avenues
Peralta Creek	Peralta Creek Park	Wisconsin Street at Rettig Avenue
Peralta Creek	Peralta Hacienda Park	2465 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Sausal Creek	Barry Place	East 27 <sup>th</sup> Street & Barry Place
Sausal Creek	Beaconsfield Canyon	Near 2639 Beaconsfield Place
Sausal Creek	Bridgeview Trailhead	End of Bridgeview Drive
Sausal Creek	Dimond Park	Near Dimond Park Scout Hut
Sausal Creek	Fruitvale Bridge Park	Fruitvale & Alameda Avenues
Sausal Creek	Jingletown	Derby Avenue at Estuary's Edge
Sausal Creek	Shepherd Canyon Park	Escher Drive, ¼ mile past Shepherd Canyon Road
Sausal Creek	Wood Park	2920 McKillop Road
Seminary Creek	Coliseum Flea Market	5401 Coliseum Way
Temescal Creek	Claremont DMV	Cavour Street & Redondo Avenue
Temescal Creek	North Oakland Sports Field	6900 Broadway Avenue
Temescal Creek	Culverted Temescal Creek	876 47 <sup>th</sup> Street