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Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Chair Wasserman and Commission Members:

Waterfront Action is an Oakland non-profit whose mission is to promote public access to the Oakland-Alameda Estuary and Lake Merritt through public awareness, education, and direct action.

Waterfront Action encourages the Commission to retain the existing language of BCDC permit 7-06 Sections II. H. 1. a. through e. We strongly support the marsh restoration requirements of these permit sections. They are consistent with Bay Plan Findings and Policies on Tidal Marshes and Tidal Flats as well as Findings and Policies on Mitigation. These Bay Plan policies make no mention of financial burdens on a developer as a criterion to guide Commission requirements. Instead, they focus on the protection or restoration of the natural environment.

We urge the commission to resist pressure to amend the permit and delete the marsh restoration language. The approved special conditions of the permit properly address Bay Plan policies concerning shoreline protection, natural and biological resources, and water quality and should be retained.

We thank the Commission for considering this input.

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