



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

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

Dear Chair Wasserman and Commission Members:

The Measure DD Community Coalition is writing to affirm its support for the terms and conditions of BCDC permit 7-06 as approved by the Commission on January 20, 2011. Our interest is focused on Section II. H. 1. a. through e.

The Measure DD Coalition was formed in 2003 and sanctioned by the Oakland City Council to provide public input concerning projects and expenditures designated in the 2002 Measure DD Bond. We have an interest in the marsh restoration specified in Section II. H. 1. a. through e. for two reasons:

1. The area originally fell within the scope of the Measure DD bond approved in 2002 by over 80% of Oakland voters, who supported park development in this area designated in the bond language as "*Meadows Park at Fifth Avenue*". Later, of course, the site was removed from the scope of Measure DD when the Port of Oakland executed an option to purchase agreement with Oakland Harbor Partners for the parcel.
2. Several Measure DD projects are adjacent or nearby, including Estuary Park, Lake Merritt Channel improvements, and various Bay Trail enhancements that will connect with the Bay Trail through the Brooklyn Basin site.

We urge the commission to retain the existing language of these sections. We feel that Bay Plan policies concerning shoreline protection, natural and biological resources, and water quality are the primary considerations.

Since 2011, public expectations regarding marsh restoration in this area have been set by the terms of the permit as approved by the Commission. We encourage the Commission to fulfill those expectations and stand behind the adopted special conditions.

We thank the Commission for considering this input.

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