



November 6, 2008

California River Parkways Grant Program
The Resources Agency: Bonds and Grants Unit
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 10th Street Bridge Project at the Lake Merritt Channel

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Board of Waterfront Action is writing in support of the City of Oakland's request to the California River Parkways Grant Program for the Lake Merritt Channel Project.

Waterfront Action is a citizen-based non-profit organization. Our mission is to promote public access to the Oakland-Alameda Estuary and Lake Merritt through public awareness, education, and direct action.

The Channel Project, which has had considerable public input, will significantly improve public access along the Channel and it will significantly move forward our efforts connect Lake Merritt to the Oakland Alameda Estuary. In addition the project will improve the water quality and the upland habitat in Lake Merritt. This project will provide a vital educational element to the SF Bay Trail which circles Lake Merritt and goes along the Channel, with a few diversions, all the way to the Oakland-Alameda Estuary. The best educational tool is seeing nature work, and the increased flow from this project will enable nature to do its best.

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Waterfront Action office can be reached at (510) 336-1824. We appreciate your consideration and support for this project.

Sincerely,

Sandra Threlfall
Executive Director