



MEDIA ADVISORY FROM **CITY OF OAKLAND PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY**

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Volunteers to Clean and Beautify Oakland Creeks

WHAT: Oakland's Creek to Bay Day, volunteer creek cleanup and beautification project

WHERE: 24 locations throughout Oakland

WHEN: Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

WHO: City of Oakland and community volunteers

Oakland, CA — Hundreds of volunteers are needed for Oakland's 14th annual *Creek to Bay Day* cleanup event as part of the California Coastal Commission's annual *Coastal Cleanup Day*. The cleanup takes place at Lake Merritt, the Oakland Estuary and various creeks throughout the city, provides volunteers an opportunity to beautify Oakland's creeks and waterways by participating in activities such as litter removal, weeding non-native invasive plants, planting California native plants, erosion control, and installing storm drain markers with a message "No Dumping, Drains to Bay." The actions that volunteers take on *Creek to Bay Day* reach even further than their neighborhood as litter and debris removed from a local creek or lake also helps keep the San Francisco Bay clean. Volunteers improve the quality of the creek water by planting a buffer of vegetation along creek corridors that filters out pollutants before they can reach the Bay. In addition to being an important way to help keep waterways clean and raise awareness about the sources of water pollution, *Creek to Bay Day* is a fun event that is great for participants of all ages.

For more information about the event call (510) 238-7611 or check our website at www.oaklandcreektobay.org

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

Volunteers should meet at 9:00 a.m. at any of the following locations:

Arroyo Viejo Creek	Arroyo Viejo Park 7701 Krause Avenue
Arroyo Viejo Creek	Knowland Park at Oakland Zoo Golf Links Road just inside Zoo entrance gate on the right
Courtland Creek	Courtland Creek Park Brookdale Avenue at Courtland Avenue
Glen Echo Creek	Glen Echo Park Monte Vista Avenue off Piedmont Avenue
Glen Echo Creek	Oak Glen Park Across from 3516 Richmond Boulevard
Lake Merritt	Lake Merritt Boating Center 568 Bellevue Avenue
Lion Creek	McCrea Park Carson Street at Elinora Avenue
Lion Creek	Leona Heights Park 4444 Mountain Boulevard
Lion Creek	Mills College Botany Garden 5000 MacArthur Blvd. next to Natural Sciences Building, near Post Rd.
Oakland Estuary	Oakland Aquatic Center 115 Embarcadero
Park Boulevard Creek	FM Smith Park Park Boulevard at Newton Avenue
Peralta Creek	Butters Canyon Near 3514 Butters Drive
Peralta Creek	Cesar Chavez Park 3705 Foothill Boulevard
Peralta Creek	Peralta Hacienda Historical Park 2465 34th Avenue
Peralta Creek	Peralta Creek Park Wisconsin Street at Rettig Avenue
San Leandro Creek	Community Reformed Church 457 Capistrano Drive
Sausal Creek	Barry Place Barry Place at E. 27th Street
Sausal Creek	Beaconsfield Canyon Near 2639 Beaconsfield Place
Sausal Creek	Dimond Park Dimond Park Scout Hut at Canon Avenue and Wellington Street
Sausal Creek	Marj Saunders Park Ascot Drive at Chelton Drive
Sausal Creek	Shepherd Canyon Park Escher Drive, ½ mile east of Shepherd Canyon Road
Sausal Creek	Wood Park 2920 McKillop Road
Temescal Creek	Claremont Canyon Claremont Avenue, ¼ mile east of Alvarado Road intersection
Temescal Creek	Claremont DMV Corner of Cavour Street and Redondo Avenue