



January 5, 2015

Bruce Wolfe
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: 12/22/2014 letter from BCDC staff

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Waterfront Action is writing to declare its endorsement of the letter sent to your attention on December 22, 2012 by Larry Goldzband, Executive Director of the San Francisco Conservation and Development Commission.

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.

We strongly support the rationale and request for agreement presented in Mr. Goldzband's letter. Oakland citizen's expectations regarding marsh restoration in this area have been defined by the terms of BCDC permit 7-06 since it was approved by the Commission on January 20, 2011. We believe that seeking a material change to the relevant section of the BCDC permit, with its associated public hearing and Commission vote, may trigger significant public objection and present undesirable risk to the Brooklyn Basin project. Accordingly, we urge the involved agencies to come to an agreement that permits both the marsh restoration and the Brooklyn Basin project to go forward.

Thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,

Sandra Threlfall

Sandra Threlfall, Executive Director

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