City of Oakland

Site ID: oak_dam_2

Site Information

Site Location: Northwest Property Border of the ORACLE Arena and Oakland – Alameda County Coliseum (Behind 6925 San Leandro Street)
Upstream end – Coliseum BART Overhead Walkway;
Downstream end – Convergence of Damon Slough and Lion Creek

Watershed: Lion Creek Watershed
Arroyo Viejo Watershed

Waterbody: Damon Slough

Jurisdiction: City of Oakland

Ownership: City of Oakland / Alameda County JPB

Trash Pathways/Sources: Trash sources include ORACLE Arena and the Oakland – Alameda County Coliseum events, nearby commercial, industrial, and heavy traffic corridors (California Highway 880, 66th Ave., Hegenberger Ave.), homeless encampments, impacted tidal flows, and heavy flows from upstream / downstream areas in the watershed.

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Justification

Information Supporting Selection as a Hot Spot:

Damon Slough was listed on State Water Resource Control Board 2010 303(d) list as an impaired waterbody for trash. Past inspections have indicated large volumes of trash of various types. Recurring public complaint calls regarding high trash volumes in the waterway.

Damon Slough is located in the lowest portion of the Lion Creek Watershed prior to the discharge into the San Leandro Bay Estuary. Initial Assessment yielded observations of large items (mattresses, tires, computers, shopping carts, and etc.) that flowed downstream onto the site. Additionally, smaller trash items (plastic bags, cans, bottles, clothing, and etc) appear to have been transported to the site by the wind and tides. Sources of the smaller trash items include items from homeless encampments, trash from events at ORACLE Arena and the Oakland – Alameda Coliseum, nearby commercial and industrial business, and traffic corridors.

Planned Cleanup Efforts:

Volunteer Cleanup Event: Creek to Bay Day, Property Owner Routine Cleanups (as needed and after events), Alameda County Flood Control Cleanup and Maintenance of on-site easement and floating trash boom.

Assessments: Assessment to follow to avoid sensitive habitat & migratory bird nesting/breeding season