



CITY OF OAKLAND

# AGENDA REPORT

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**SUBJECT:** Stormwater Trash Load Reduction  
Compliance Informational Report

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City Administrator Approval

  
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## RECOMMENDATION

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive An Informational Report On The Status Of The City's Compliance With The Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit Trash Reduction Requirements.**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Informational Report provides a compliance update on the City of Oakland's (City's) progress to meet trash reduction requirements in the 2022 Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (MRP 3.0), issued and enforced by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board). Through significant financial investment in trash capture, trash management, and litter prevention actions, the City exceeded the MRP 3.0's 100 percent trash load reduction requirement for fiscal year (FY) 2024-25. More stringent MRP 3.0 requirements went into effect in FY 2025-26. In response the City is implementing an updated long-term trash load reduction plan to achieve compliance by the end of 2030.

MRP 3.0 no longer allows the City to claim trash reduction credits for creek and shoreline volunteer cleanups or for implementing multiple programs designed to control direct trash discharges to waterways. Consequently, the City's trash load reduction score now stands at 75.1 percent despite adding hundreds of trash capture devices, removing millions of gallons of trash annually<sup>1</sup>, and extensive citywide efforts to prevent littering and illegal dumping.

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<sup>1</sup> At least 9,000,000 gallons of trash were collected and disposed of in FY 2024-25.

The City anticipates that the Water Board may consider formalizing a compliance schedule through a regulatory mechanism in 2026, which would likely include trash reduction provisions, milestone requirements, and reporting obligations. The City informed the Water Board that the City expects to achieve 100 percent trash load reduction through enhanced trash reduction actions and by installing numerous additional full trash capture devices by December 2030. Failure to meet the more stringent regulatory deadlines may subject the City to additional Water Board actions, including administrative directives and potential monetary liabilities as authorized under applicable state and federal law. Staff are confident that the compliance target will be met. However, maintaining compliance targets will be challenging since there is not adequate or sustainable funding for ongoing maintenance of underground full trash capture (FTC).

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

In 1987, under amendments to the 1972 Clean Water Act, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency imposed regulations that mandated control and reduction of pollutants in stormwater runoff through the NPDES permitting program. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorizes California to administer the NPDES program, allowing the Water Board to issue, monitor, and enforce permits for point source discharges into waterways.

The City is now regulated by the third iteration of the Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit (MRP 3.0), which was approved by the Water Board in May 2022 and applies to all municipalities throughout Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Contra Costa counties, as well as the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo. Each MRP mandates specific actions and reporting requirements. Failure by municipalities to comply with the permit requirements can result in significant enforcement action by the Water Board and legal actions by third-party entities. The Water Board and permittees are in discussions on MRP 4.0 provisions which are expected to be adopted in May 2027 for a 5-year permit term. The new permit could impose more costly requirements to track and prevent stormwater trash discharges.

On [June 11, 2024](#), Oakland Public Works (OPW) presented an informational report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee regarding the status of compliance with the trash load reduction requirements in the MRP. This report followed informational reports presented on [April 25, 2023](#), [February 22, 2022](#), [April 30, 2021](#), [February 25, 2020](#), [February 19, 2019](#), [April 25, 2019](#), and [October 24, 2017](#). This report responds to the Committee's request for an annual update on the City's comprehensive trash reduction strategy, including programs and activities, compliance status, and next steps to meet future requirements.

## **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

This section provides an update on the City's compliance with the MRP 3.0 trash load reduction requirements, including a description of all trash load reduction programs. Compliance with MRP stormwater requirements to protect Oakland's creeks and the San Francisco Bay support the City's goals of building **vibrant, sustainable infrastructure** and being a **responsive, trustworthy government**, respectively.

### ***FY 2024-25 Trash Load Reduction Programs and Compliance Status***

By June 30, 2025, under MRP 3.0 Provision C.10, “Trash Load Reduction,” permittees were required to reduce trash loads from the City’s storm drainage system to waterways by 100 percent based on trash generation rate benchmarks set during the first MRP permit term (MRP 1.0 was in effect from 2009-2015). The City exceeded this compliance goal, however, more stringent requirements went into effect in FY 2025-26 which significantly reduced available compliance credits and created a shortfall that will require additional capital investment to resolve. It is expected that the Water Board may impose a new regulatory mechanism in 2026 that would require the City to achieve 100% trash load reduction by the end of 2030. This will provide much-needed time for the City to achieve the trash reduction goal.

“Trash generation” is a term used to describe the level of trash deposited onto land areas that could potentially be transported to the storm drainage system and waterways. The trash generation rate benchmarks (baseline trash levels) were calculated using a formula that includes land use classifications, median household income, and observed trash levels. To ground truth the baseline trash levels in Oakland, staff followed an MRP-sanctioned methodology to confirm or refine the level of trash generation based on local knowledge and assessments. Through this process, staff developed a map depicting four types of trash generation areas throughout the City: Very-High, High, Moderate, and Low (see ***Attachment A*** – Baseline Trash Generation and Full Trash Capture Devices Map). The method for calculating percent trash load reduction from a given trash generation area is prescribed in MRP 3.0 and is specific to the type of trash control action implemented (for example, some trash control actions provide credits or offsets, and others provide actual volumes of trash removed).

In the most recent Annual Report to the Water Board, which covered FY 2024-25 compliance activities, the City documented compliance with the MRP 3.0 mandate to reduce trash loads by 100 percent of the baseline trash levels.<sup>2</sup> Compliance was achieved through numerous efforts, including installing FTC devices in the City’s storm drainage system, and many City initiatives designed to remove and limit trash in the streets and adjacent areas to help keep it out of storm drains and waterways. These initiatives are further described below and include but are not limited to Oakland’s Excess Litter Fee Program, the Business Improvement Districts, the street sweeping program, cleanup of illegal dumping sites and homeless encampments, and volunteer litter cleanup programs and events.

In FY 2024-25, the City was allowed to take trash reduction credits, per the MRP 3.0 requirements, in four established trash load reduction program categories (credit for source control programs were no longer allowed in FY 2022-23):

1. Full trash capture devices
2. Creek and shoreline cleanups
3. Direct Trash Discharge Control Program
4. Other control measures

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<sup>2</sup> Using the MRP 3.0 calculation method, the City reduced trash loads by more than 104 percent in FY 2024-25.

**Table 1** below provides a summary of Trash Load Reduction Action categories and corresponding reduction credits for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25.

**Table 1: Trash Reduction Credit Summary**

Trash Load Reduction Action	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
1) Full trash capture devices	21%	23.2%
2) Creek & shoreline cleanups	10.0%	10%
3) Source control actions*	0%	0%
4) Direct Trash Discharge Control Program	15.0%	15%
5) Other control measures**	51%	56.1%
TOTAL	97%	104.3%
<p>* This category includes plastic bags and polystyrene product bans. Starting in FY 2022-23, only new source control actions can be credited under MRP 3.0. To claim a load percentage reduction value, Permittees must provide substantive and credible evidence that new source control actions are being implemented jurisdiction-wide and that trash is reduced by the claimed value. The City is not pursuing new source controls for trash reduction credit because jurisdiction-wide credit cannot be claimed after June 30, 2025.</p> <p>** This category includes Business Improvement Districts and Excess Litter Fee activities, street sweeping, illegal dumping, homeless encampment cleanup, Adopt-a-Spot, and other on-land cleanup efforts.</p>		

### 1. Full Trash Capture Devices

Full trash capture (FTC) devices are devices installed in storm drainage infrastructure that collect trash before it enters nearby waterways. The two main types of FTC devices are large underground units, such as hydrodynamic separators, that are integrated into the storm drainage system to capture trash as stormwater flows through, and connector pipe screens, which are metal screens installed in storm drain inlets that trap trash and prevent it from entering the storm drainage system.

FTC devices are an effective method for preventing trash from entering waterways, and they ensure full trash reduction credit for the area draining to them; however, there is an initial investment to install them, and they are expensive to maintain. Also, because the FTC devices are underground solutions, they do not provide cleaner streets and neighborhoods and therefore do not necessarily enhance the quality of life for residents. They do reduce the flow of trash into waterways where aquatic life and visual appeal is enhanced.

By June 30, 2025, the City had installed 311 FTC devices, which treat over 2,700 acres of Moderate, High, and Very-High trash generating areas, resulting in a total of 23.2 percent reduction credit. The FTC devices are primarily installed in conjunction with capital improvement and transportation projects (see **Attachment A** – Baseline Trash Generation and Full Trash Capture Devices Map).

### 2. Creek and Shoreline Cleanups

Through June 30, 2025, the City could receive a maximum available annual trash load reduction credit of 10 percent in this category through the implementation of numerous trash removal/cleanup events, such as the annual Earth Day and Creek to Bay Day events, as well as at Lake Merritt, local creeks, and on the Bay shorelines. Over 599,000 gallons of trash were

removed from local waterways during FY 2024-25, resulting in the City receiving a 10 percent trash load reduction credit. The trash load reduction credit for Creek and Shoreline Cleanups expired on December 31, 2025.

### 3. Direct Trash Discharge Control Program

In FY 2024-25, the City received the maximum available trash load reduction credit of 15 percent for implementing a Direct Trash Discharge Control Program. This program, approved by the Water Board in April 2019 and reauthorized in August 2023, allowed the City to receive trash reduction credit for its activities and programs that reduce the impacts of trash from homeless encampments and illegal dumping into local creeks and the storm drainage system within 500 feet of a waterway. In FY 2024-25, the City removed more than 9 million gallons of trash from streets, parks, and public rights-of-way through these programs, over 3 million gallons of which were within 500 feet of a waterway and hence eligible for credit. To receive the full 15 percent trash reduction credit available in this category, the City was required to remove a minimum of 735,000 gallons within 500 feet of a waterway each fiscal year. The Direct Trash Discharge Control Program allows the City to leverage the enormous efforts already devoted to illegal dumping and homeless encampment litter abatement to receive valuable trash reduction credit. Under MRP 3.0, this credit (or “offset” as described in the MRP) expired on December 31, 2025.

### 4. Other Control Measures

In FY 2024-25, the City received 56.1 percent trash reduction credit for other control measures. This category measures the effectiveness of many of the City’s above-ground trash reduction efforts, including:

- **Street Sweeping:** Continuing the City’s street sweeping program is the most widespread trash control measure that targets High and Very-High trash producing areas, including downtown, business districts, and major arterials, with three or more sweeping operations per week. The City has posted signs on all routes, has a rigorous enforcement program, and spends more than \$5 million on street sweeping operations annually.
- **Adopt-a-Spot Program:** The City manages an award-winning Adopt-a-Spot program that supports individuals, neighborhood groups, civic organizations, and businesses in the ongoing cleaning and greening of parks, creeks, shorelines, streets, trails, and other public spaces.
- **Adopt-a-Drain Program:** The Adopt-a-Drain program enhances the City’s efforts to clean up storm drains throughout the city. More than 1,700 of the City’s estimated 13,600 storm drains have been adopted since the program began in 2002.
- **Excess Litter Fee Program:** The City’s Excess Litter Fee Program is conducted near fast-food businesses, convenience markets, gasoline station markets, and liquor stores. Fees collected under this Program provide funds for a contracted crew to remove trash around businesses that sell/provide large amounts of disposable materials to customers. The contracted crew services over 800 business sites throughout the city and focuses on known locations of high street litter and illegal dumping.

- **Business Improvement Districts (BIDs):** There are 11 BIDs in neighborhood commercial areas throughout the City. These organizations hire full-time staff to remove litter and dedicate funding to maintain trash containers, manage the number and capacity of trash containers needed, install and maintain cigarette butt receptacles, and install public anti-litter signage.
- **Private Land Drainage Area Control Program:** The City implements a Private Land Drainage Area Control Program as required by MRP 3.0 to ensure that private land in Moderate, High, and Very-High trash generating areas with private storm drainage systems that drain to the City's storm drainage system are equipped with full trash capture devices or are effectively managed to control trash discharges. The City inspected all 789 of these properties in FY 2024-25 resulting in a trash reduction credit of 14.2 percent (accounted for in the "other control measures" category).

To calculate trash reduction credit in this category (Other Control Measures), the City is required to conduct visual assessments of street segments using a Water Board-approved protocol developed by permittees in 2015 known as On-land Visual Trash Assessments (OVTAs). The protocol provides qualitative estimates of the amount of trash on the streets that may be carried into the storm drainage system as observed through field assessments along a designated percentage of randomly selected stretches of street in each trash management area (the MRP required the City to establish trash management areas throughout the City). A category of trash condition, from Low to Very-High, is assigned to each trash management area based on OVTA trash count and visual condition as recorded through photographs. The assigned trash condition determines if the area qualifies for trash reduction credit using the standardized formula in the protocol. The past ten years of OVTAs have demonstrated that in some areas of the city, trash reduction activities such as enhanced trash removal by the BIDs, Adopt-a-Spot volunteer efforts, and the three times or more a week of street sweeping in commercial areas and downtown have reduced the amount of trash found from Very-High to Moderate trash levels.

More information about the City's trash load reduction program, including its purpose, permit requirements, and compliance status, is available in the City of Oakland Annual Report to the Water Board: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/files/assets/city/v/1/public-works/documents/watershed/new-folder-1/24-25-mrp-annual-report-city-of-oakland-with-c.10.pdf>.

### ***Municipal Regional Permit 3.0 Trash Reduction Requirements***

In December 2025, MRP 3.0 phased-out compliance credits for which the City currently received 25 percent of its trash reduction credit. More time and greater effort are needed for the City to achieve and maintain the permit's 100 percent trash load reduction requirement. To achieve compliance, the City will need to install and maintain hundreds of additional FTC devices in the public right-of-way, and continue implementing, and enhancing, all the aforementioned trash management measures, and conduct OVTAs.

Therefore, the City notified the Water Board in December 2025, indicating that additional time is needed to achieve the 100 percent trash load reduction benchmark. The City expects the Water Board to formally require the City to follow an updated schedule and implement specific trash

reduction provisions (e.g., implementing FTC device projects, continuation of existing trash reduction programs, etc.), to achieve full compliance by December 2030.

**Ongoing and Planned Compliance Actions**

The City will implement existing and additional trash control measures to meet the more stringent regulations imposed by the MRP. **Table 2** summarizes how the City will achieve the 100 percent trash load reduction benchmark in specific trash reduction action categories by 2030.

**Table 2: Trash Load Reduction Credits**

Trash Load Reduction Action	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	Additional Planned (by Dec. 2030)	Total (by Dec. 2030)
1) Full Trash Capture Devices*	23.2	~ 29%	+9 to 15%	38 - 44%
2) Creek & Shoreline Cleanups	10%	0%	0%	0%
3) Source Control Actions**	0%	0%	0%	0%
4) Direct Trash Discharge Control Program	15%	0%	0%	0%
5) Other Control Measures***	56.1	~56.1%	+5 to 9%	61.1 - 65.1%
Total	104.3%	~85.1%	+14 – 24%	99.1 - 109.1%
Compliance Requirement	100%	100%	100%	100%
Trash Credits Needed		14.9%	-	-

\* This category includes the installation of FTC devices. Accounting for trash reduction credits is based on drainage area and is an estimate at this time. The City will adjust the number of FTC devices to be installed based on credit received and a margin of error to maintain compliance with the 100 percent trash reduction benchmark.

\*\* This category includes plastic bags and polystyrene product bans. As of July 1, 2022, only new source control actions can be credited under MRP 3.0. To claim a load percentage reduction value, Permittees must provide substantive and credible evidence that new source control actions are being implemented jurisdiction-wide and trash is reduced by the claimed value. The City is not pursuing trash reduction credit under this category.

\*\*\* This category includes results of OVTAs, which are subject to variability based on the levels of trash observed on the streets and sidewalks.

**Past and Planned Full Trash Capture Device Installation Funding**

The list below describes how City Council approved various resolutions authorizing staff to deliver both completed and planned FTC device installation projects using existing bond and parcel tax funding, sewer rehabilitation program funding, capital project funding, and grants to meet and maintain the 100 percent trash load reduction requirement in MRP 3.0 by the anticipated deadline of 2030. For future installations, the total cost to install FTC devices depends on construction contract bidding at the time of implementation. The City will adjust the number of FTC devices to be installed based on trash reduction credit received and a margin of error to maintain compliance with the 100 percent trash reduction benchmark.

- On June 12, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. [86773 C.M.S.](#) for the identification of Capital Improvement Projects funded by the General Obligation Bond (Measure KK) , including the adoption of a Trash Capture Transportation Map that showed transportation project locations in high trash generation areas to ensure that those projects incorporate FTC devices as feasible. Based on this Council action the City installed dozens of small FTC devices through existing Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) projects. In addition, OakDOT will install approximately 86 additional small FTC devices as part of the Active Transportation Program 20th Street Project, Fruitvale Alive Gap Closure Project, Lake Merritt Cycle Track Project, and 27<sup>th</sup> Street Complete Streets Project.
- On November 14, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. [87919 C.M.S.](#) authorizing the submission of an Ordinance on the March 3, 2020 Statewide Primary Election ballot for a 20-year parcel tax to raise revenues necessary to maintain, protect, and improve parks and recreational facilities and services, to provide homeless support services, and to improve water quality. Oakland voters passed Measure Q, which provides \$21 million annually with approximately \$1 million per year for stormwater system improvements and trash reduction efforts, including FTC device installation. Measure Q funded the installation of 275 FTC devices (project will be completed by June 2026).
- To support Council's general direction to install FTC devices cost-effectively through existing projects and programs, staff developed an internal Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) which requires the inclusion of FTC in applicable City programs and capital improvement and transportation projects in High and Very-High trash generating areas. For example, through the sewer rehabilitation program sewer fund 3100, the City installed 100 small FTC devices in 2024.
- On July 11, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. [89314 C.M.S.](#), authorizing the submission of an Ordinance on the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election ballot to fund the issuance of \$850 million in general obligation bonds to fund affordable housing and housing preservation projects, transportation projects, and various City infrastructure. Oakland voters passed Measure U which will be used to install between 300 and 525 small FTC devices through OakDOT's Paving Program in FY 2026-27.
- City Council Resolution No. [87238 C.M.S.](#) (adopted June 12, 2018) authorized the City to enter into a Cooperative Implementation Agreement with Caltrans and to accept and appropriate funding to deliver a large FTC device project in the Ettie Street watershed (Mandela Parkway Large Trash Capture Project). Resolution No. [90103 C.M.S.](#) (adopted February 20, 2024) authorized the City Administrator to award a construction contract for the Project. The Project was completed in 2024 for a total cost of \$7.3 million.
- City Council Resolution No. [87238 C.M.S.](#) (adopted June 12, 2018) authorized the City to enter a Cooperative Implementation Agreement with Caltrans and to accept and appropriate funding to deliver a large FTC device project in the Cary Avenue watershed in East Oakland (Cary Avenue Large Full Trash Capture Project). Resolution No. [90103 C.M.S.](#) (adopted February 20, 2024) authorized the City Administrator to award a construction contract for the Project. The Project was completed in 2024 for a total cost of \$5.8 million.
- On July 15, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. [90796 C.M.S.](#) authorizing the City Administrator to accept \$8 million from the Caltrans Cooperative Implementation

Agreement Program and up to \$20 million from the Caltrans 2026 Highway Operation and Protection Program to install a large FTC device in East Oakland at each of the following locations: 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue and San Leandro Street, 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, and 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue and G Street. The anticipated project completion date is by the end of FY 2029-30.

### ***Implementation and Expansion of Other Control Measures***

The City continues to implement numerous trash control programs and ongoing actions to remove litter in streets, parks, and other publicly owned spaces before it enters inlets and waterways, including volunteer programs and events, the Excess Litter Fee Program, BIDs, street sweeping program, and cleanup of illegal dumping sites and homeless encampments. Moving forward, new actions the City will explore and/or undertake include, but are not limited to:

- Conduct a feasibility analysis and cost-benefit evaluation of both large and small FTC devices. The study will examine if there are additional locations for large FTC devices and ensure the City is taking the most cost-effective solutions for addressing MRP 3.0 trash management requirements.
- Conduct a trash generation analysis for areas approaching low trash generation. The study will examine trash management actions, sources of trash, and effective solutions using OVTA data. The results will help guide trash management actions in areas approaching low trash generation where it is infeasible or not cost-effective to install FTC devices.

### **RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS**

Compliance with the MRP trash load reduction requirements will help the City achieve multiple goals, including improving water quality, inclusive and equitable public engagement, and enhancing Oakland's storm drainage system, creeks, water bodies, and the San Francisco Bay. These goals align with several City of Oakland plans as described in this report section.

#### ***Strategic Plan 2025-2028***

This agenda item supports the City's Strategic Priority to align budget with citywide priorities by providing a compliance update on the legal mandate to reduce trash loads to Oakland's waterways is being prioritized using both outside funding and existing funding bond (Measure U) and parcel tax (Measure Q) funding. This item is not specifically related to a task identified in the [Strategic Plan 2025-2028](#).

#### ***General Plan (Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Element)***

This report on stormwater trash load reduction compliance is aligned with explicit policies requiring the protection and preservation of creeks and natural watersheds outlined in the Open Space, Conservation and Recreation ([OSCAR](#)) Element of the General Plan by describing citywide activities to prevent trash from entering Oakland's waterways to meet state mandates.

**Oakland 2045 [Safety Element](#)**

This report documents how complying with the MRP trash load reduction requirements helps to reduce litter and illegal dumping in Oakland and is therefore aligned with the Oakland 2045 Safety Element, specifically Goal SAF-7: Foster Feelings of Safety in All Oakland Neighborhoods, and Goal SAF-3: Protect People and Property from Flooding. The removal of millions of gallons of trash annually and citywide efforts to prevent littering and illegal dumping aligns with the SAF-7.2 Policy to address crime through environmental design strategies. In addition, reducing litter and illegal dumping can reduce storm-induced flooding in areas prone to trash-clogged storm drainage pipes.

**Oakland Environmental Justice Element**

This report describes how the City is working to meet the legal mandate to reduce stormwater trash loads to waterways, including through illegal dumping cleanup and abatement and other cleanup and litter reduction efforts. These prevention and cleanup efforts are aligned and consistent with OMC 2.29.170.2.B.9. adopted in 2016, and [Oakland's first Environmental Justice \(EJ\) Element](#) adopted by the City Council as part of the 2045 General Plan update on September 26, 2023. This alignment is based on the City's efforts to prioritize vulnerable neighborhoods for the removal and prevention of litter and illegal dumping with the aim to reduce disproportionate pollution, health risks, and socioeconomic burdens in low-income communities.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This item is for informational purposes only and does not have a direct fiscal impact or cost. However, the City expects to spend more than \$30 million to implement FTC device installation projects between 2025 and 2030 utilizing Measure Q, Measure U, existing Caltrans and future grant funding to achieve the 100 percent trash load reduction requirement. Except for future grants, planned expenditures have been approved by the City Council through past City budgets and Capital Improvement Programs and through City Council action to accept and appropriate Caltrans funding. A more in-depth description of existing and future expenditures to achieve and maintain stormwater trash load reduction compliance will be provided in the 2027 Informational Report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee. In addition, staff will pursue grant funding to install additional large FTCs and will request authorization from City Council to authorize the City Administrator to apply for, accept, and appropriate funding for grant awards or cooperative funding opportunities. In addition, staff will request compliance funding needed to expand FTC maintenance and other trash management activities through the City of Oakland FY 2027-29 Budget.

The total cost to deliver FTC device installation projects is contingent on construction contract bidding at the time of implementation. In addition, the total number of FTC devices needed to achieve compliance is dependent on the trash reduction credit received from each individual device (calculated by area draining to a device after installation) and a margin of error as OVTA scores fluctuate year to year based on trash conditions and trends. Once installed, all FTC devices must be maintained at least once per year and devices in High and Very High trash generation areas must be maintained at least twice per year by OPW Drainage Maintenance Division within the Bureau of Maintenance and Internal Services.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

While this item is for informational purposes and did not require additional public outreach beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures, many of the activities and programs described in this report include a public outreach component to educate residents about litter and illegal dumping prevention and abatement, with the goal of encouraging and fostering personal responsibility for proper disposal of unwanted items through enhancement of civic pride, re-emphasizing the laws and consequences for illegally dumping, and connecting residents and businesses with resources and support to assist them with finding the proper disposal options available to them. This includes the Adopt-a-Spot program, which fosters community engagement to clean, green, and beautify public spaces, and the Bulky Block Party events, which provide an opportunity for Oakland residents to dispose of large/bulky waste items at the City's Municipal Services Center, free of charge. Equity-based inclusive outreach and engagement will be conducted for all future large FTC device installation projects.

### **COORDINATION**

The Office of the City Attorney, the Budget Bureau, and the City Administrator's Office were consulted for the preparation of this report.

### **RACE AND EQUITY**

Although this informational report has no direct race and equity impacts, implementation of the trash reduction programs described in this report results in cleaner, healthier, and safer priority equity communities that are disproportionately affected by litter and debris. The trash reduction programs implemented to comply with the MRP occur predominantly in those communities and can help alleviate some of the impacts of environmental injustice and racial disparities by reducing trash in neighborhoods and their waterways. In addition, implementation of trash reduction programs will benefit neighborhoods impacted by racial disparities by providing stewardship opportunities, access to natural amenities, and reduced trash levels.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive an informational report on the status of the City's compliance with the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) trash reduction requirements.

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Attachments (1):

A: Baseline Trash Generation and Full Trash Capture Devices Map