

An Open Letter to the People of Oakland from the Port of Oakland

The Port of Oakland is planning to replace the old Galbraith Golf Course with a splendid new, world class, championship 18-hole golf course, one that we can all be proud of.

This will be done at no expense to Oakland taxpayers.

The new course will be built in five to seven years. Meanwhile, those who use the Galbraith course will play on the public course at Chabot.

What had been a major problem for the Port in its efforts to provide more jobs, more tax revenues, and more business opportunities for all the people of Oakland, will then produce an additional payoff for golfers—a world class public course.

By November the Port of Oakland must provide land for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to accommodate between 800,000 and 1.2-million cubic yards of dredge material taken from the Inner and Outer Harbor Channels.

This dredge material is clean—not toxic. It will not threaten the neighborhood in any way. And when it dries it will make an ideal base for the new golf course.

As you know, the Galbraith Golf Course land, which once served as a sanitary landfill (garbage dump) for the East Bay, is now owned by the Port of Oakland. The Port leases it to the City for recreational use and the Port and the City supposedly share any revenue it might make. Unfortunately, there has never been any revenue to share.

That might change, once the Port builds the championship course.

Port engineers and environmentalists have been studying the dredge disposal issue for more than 18 months. They have looked at more than 30 potential Bay Area locations. They have closely examined the high costs of disposal at various sites. And they have realistically reviewed the delays imposed by special permitting requirements in other jurisdictions.

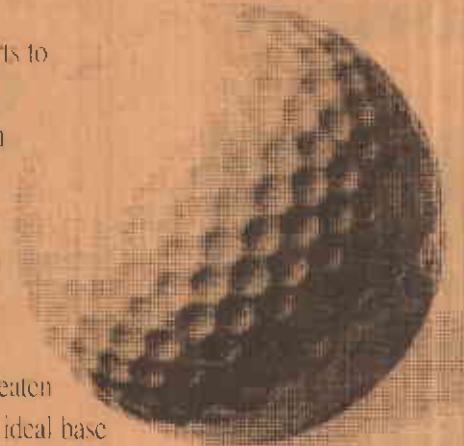
Without question, the Galbraith site is the best in the Bay Area. It is large enough to hold the material; it is close enough to the Bay to afford relatively easy access; and the addition of dredge material will substantially benefit the new golf course. It is the only location the Port can provide to meet the November deadline.

If the Port could accomplish its goals without temporarily closing the old golf course, it surely would do so. Impartial experts retained by the Port reviewed proposals to keep nine holes open at Galbraith during the disposal period. Unfortunately, it won't work. It can't be done.

As President Clinton said during his recent visit to Oakland, it's time to "Get on with it." Dredging the Port of Oakland, first authorized in 1972, has been delayed now for 21 years.

Those who would again postpone the start of dredging by opposing plans for a championship golf course at Galbraith are playing Russian roulette with jobs for all the people of Oakland. Dredging the channels means 2400 jobs and \$513-million in new payroll and state and local tax revenues. With the closure of military bases in the East Bay, this is revenue and jobs we desperately need. Don't let a few special interest obstructionists take it away from the rest of us.

Enough already. It is time to get on with it.





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May 6, 1993

Mr. Ronald J. Owcarz
Hazardous Materials Specialist
Alameda County Department of Environmental Health
Hazardous Materials Division
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200
Oakland, CA 94621

Dear Mr. Owcarz:

I received your May 5, 1993 letter requesting that a deposit/refund account be established for review of the Preliminary Groundwater Quality Investigation Report of the Galbraith Golf Course. The attached transmittal letter shows that the Port submitted this report to your Department October 9, 1991. Until your May 5, 1993 letter, we did not receive any indication from your Department that a formal review of the report was necessary. Is it appropriate under your new regulatory oversight fees program to charge the Port for a report that was previously submitted to your Department? Please notify me in writing of the regulatory basis for this oversight fee for a report submitted in 1991.

Sincerely,

Patricia Murphy
Environmental Department

Attachment

cc: Ed Howell, Alameda County Hazardous Materials Division
Neil Werner

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May 5, 1993

Ms. Patricia Murphy
Associate Port Environmental Scientist
Port of Oakland
530 Water Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Preliminary Groundwater Quality Investigation Report
Galbraith Golf Course, 10505 Doolittle Drive, Oakland

Dear Ms. Murphy:

I am in receipt of the Preliminary Groundwater Quality Investigation Report of the Galbraith Golf Course prepared by Baseline Environmental Consulting dated June 1991 that you submitted on April 21, 1993. For this department to review this case, you will need to have a deposit/refund account established. The deposit/refund mechanism is authorized by the Alameda County Ordinance Code 3-141.6 which allows fees to be levied for the regulatory oversight of site mitigation projects. You are requested to submit a check for \$750.00 made payable to the County of Alameda. This account will be billed at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. Any unused portion of these funds will be returned to you at the completion of the project. I have enclosed a refund recipient designation form that will need to be submitted with the deposit (see both sides of form).

The review of the case will proceed as soon as funds are received. If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 271-4320.

Sincerely,


Ronald J. Owcarz, REHS
Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosure

cc: Yane Nordhav, Baseline Environmental Consulting
Rich Hiett, RWQCB
Ed Howell - file



PORT OF OAKLAND

October 9, 1991

Mr. Dennis Byrne
Alameda County
Department of Environmental Health
Hazardous Materials Program
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200
Oakland, CA 94621

**SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY GROUNDWATER QUALITY INVESTIGATION,
GALBRAITH GOLF COURSE, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

Dear Mr. Byrne:

Enclosed please find the preliminary report on groundwater quality at 1395 Middle Harbor Road in Oakland, California. A copy of the report has also been forwarded to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 272-1178.

Sincerely,

Andrew Clark-Clough
Environmental Scientist

ABC/abc

cc: Tom Gandesbery - RWQCB

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Port sites

BC Seabreeze yacht Center

BC Pacific Dry Dock 321 Embarcadero, 1441 Embarcadero #1420

JE Transbay Container Terminal 707 Ferry St., LOP 3982

BC Majestic yachts, 1363 Embarcadero,

JE Bioremediation Site Longley + Polittle

JE Lani Kai 1755 Embarcadero

BC Kaiser yard 2801 7th St,

JE Charles P. Howard Marine Terminal (Howard Terminal)

Call Charles Williams
DTSC lead?

JE CAP Transport 196 Burma Rd - ^{Oakland} Army Base?

RWQCA - Elizabeth Adams

~~Embarcadero Cove - Projects lead~~

BC Berth 30

BC → Hangar 9 - North Field

BC PCD Contam, Electrical Equip storage yd. North Field - Oakland Airport

BC Galbraith Golf Course

JE RAMobil Oil / Maersk Lines, Berth 24, 907 Ferry St

BC KOT Keep on Trucking

~~1755 Embarcadero -~~

BC → Hangar 6 North Field

~~United Airlines - 1100 Airport Dr~~

BC - Barney Chan

JE - Jennifer Eberle

RA - Ravi Arulanantham

Possible Port Sites on ship/ref database

1425 Maritime Sea Land Service Inc.

DB 2 vsts. 10/3/90

1195 Maritime Marine Terminal Port of O.

DT ^{3 vsts} 8/26/93

333 Market Marine Terminals Corp

L'M ^{3 vsts} 3/15/88, 5/16/89

+595