

Save our oceans! Protect our watershed!



The waterway you are standing next to is an important link between our everyday activities and the ocean. Fresh water from rivers and creeks, as well as water from our storm drains, mixes with salty water from the bay and the ocean, creating a unique habitat for a variety of plants and animals.

Pollutants, especially plastics and non-biodegradable litter, can enter the estuary waters and eventually make it to the sea. Marine animals mistake the plastics for food or become entangled, making movement difficult.

Earhart Elementary students practice the 6Rs: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, REFUSE, ROT, and RETHINK. Here are their favorite ways to help keep our waterways safe!

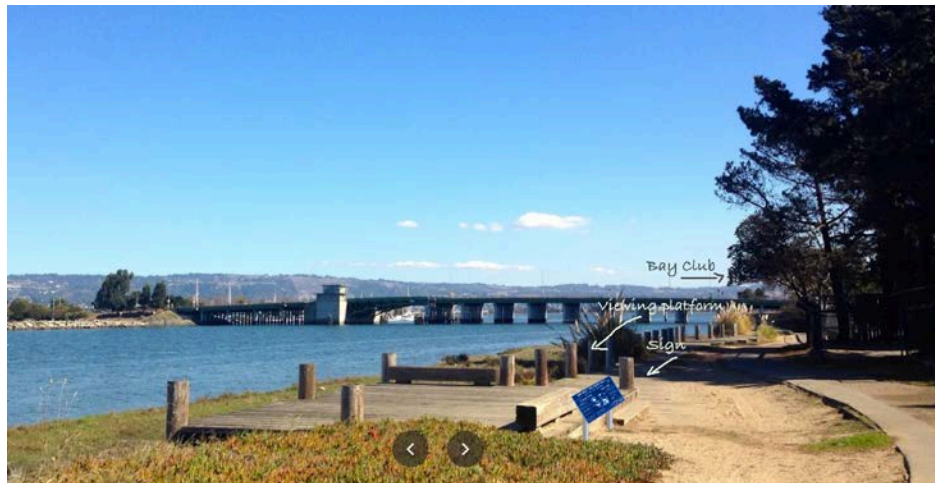
- **Reuse** We should make it a force of habit to use reusable containers to keep trash out of our oceans. – Grade 4
- **Recycle** Recycling saves plastic from going into the dump and it can be made into new things. – Grade 5
- **Refuse** If we don't use harmful plastics their production would stop. – Grade 5
- **Rethink** We should think before we use plastics and what we are doing to our planet. – Grade 3
- **Refuse** Say no to things that may harm the ocean and its creatures. – Grade 5

Water from our storm drains carries pollutants to the bay and ocean.

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Originally considered location



Possible alternative location at the storm water outfall

