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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Project improvements include the installation of underground conduits that extend from the Bayfront Canal at the upstream side of the existing tide gates to a new outlet at the adjacent South Bay Salt Pond Restoration area. The diversion structure will also capture floating debris and prevent trash from going into the Bay.

WHAT IS THE FLOOD MANAGEMENT & RESTORATION PROJECT?

San Mateo County is collaborating with Redwood City, the City of Menlo Park and the Town of Atherton to develop projects that provide flooding relief in the low-lying communities next to Bayfront Canal and Atherton Channel. The proposed underground pipes are the first of a series of efforts to reduce the impact of flooding in the region and provide benefits such as:

- Protecting people and property from flooding
- Mitigating flooding impacts to Bayfront Expressway and Marsh Road
- Improving stormwater quality

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- **2018**
  - Develop project
  - Coordination with South Bay Salt Pond Restoration project
- **Fall 2018**
  - Pursue grant funds
  - Coordination and outreach with stakeholders
- **Spring 2019**
  - Develop final design
  - Begin environmental, CEQA process
- **Fall/Winter 2019**
  - Community outreach & engagement
  - Advertising for bids
  - Pre-construction meeting

GET INVOLVED

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