



A.D.A.P.T. Flood and Heavy Rain Profile

This information is a follow-up to a discussion about preparing for El Nino in the winter.

Note that in addition to the efforts by San Mateo County, Atherton has done a fair bit of planning and preparation for potential flooding. Residents should also know that the Town has free sandbags available for distribution. If someone is interested in the sandbags, they can go to the Public Works Corporate yard (across from the Atherton Library near the railroad tracks) to pick them up during normal business hours.

Additionally, we should be aware that there are several locations around Atherton that are particularly vulnerable to flooding. The Town is monitoring and maintaining these "wet spots." They are:

- **AREA 1:** *Marsh Road Channel* – the channel was cleaned out and spot repairs were made in August. More repairs, including that to the small wall that sits under the fence along the street side of the channel has been made. The larger repair to the entire channel and walls from Middlefield Road to Fair Oaks is awaiting permitting.
- **AREA 2:** *Laburnum Road and Magnolia Drive Area* – has been problematic in past and is being monitored for problems.
- **AREA 6:** *El Camino Real Ditch Lines* – these ditch lines were cleaned in August. The Town will be monitoring and maintaining the ditch lines during storm events to help make sure the water flow runs unimpeded to their ultimate destinations.
- **AREAS 10 and 12:** *Channel Crossings at Barry Lane, Elena Avenue, Broadacres Road and The Alameda* – these crossings have been known to collect debris during storm events. They will be monitoring closely during any storms.
- **AREA 11:** *Parker/Euclid Avenues Ditch* – the Town's maintenance crews cleared debris from this ditch line and will monitor it following storm events.
- **AREA 14:** *Bell brook Way Culvert* – this culvert is being monitored monthly as well as following any significant rainfall until a permanent repair is performed. The permit has been applied for and repairs will start once the permit is received.

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