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Landslide remediation plan started between town and EBMUD

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Following three years of negotiations, the town of Moraga and the East Bay Municipal Utility District reached an agreement to work together to construct a retaining wall to mitigate (and hopefully prevent) future landslide damage in the area near the Canyon Road bridge, Moraga Creek and Augusta Drive.

Like many areas of Contra Costa County this area is subject to natural landslides due to its geologic makeup. Landslides occurred in 2016 and 2017 on and adjacent to EBMUD watershed land, damaging several homes on Augusta Drive and the original bridge.

Under the agreement, EBMUD will explore the feasibility and cost of constructing a retaining wall spanning the area of the recent slides, designed to support the hillside below Augusta Drive and protect the integrity of the new bridge. The town of Moraga and EBMUD would assume co-responsibility for the completed retaining wall.

EBMUD adopted the settlement agreement on June 30 and the town will consider approval of the agreement at its regularly scheduled July 8 council meeting.

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