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Let’s Talk About Flooding
In the Bay Area

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Harvey dumped about 34 trillion gallons of water on Texas and Louisiana — about the same as Tropical Storm Allison in 2001, the Memorial Day storm of 2015 and the Tax Day storm of 2016 combined.

$80 - $200 billion
New Non-Profit Formed Dedicated to Designing a Flood-Resilient Houston
A Plan of Action

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Vision for the Future

• Flood-smart Citizens Who Participate
• Make Room For The Bayous and Creeks
• Buy-Outs Preferred Method of Solution
• Structural Where Needed and Cost-Effective
• Flood-Literate Politicians
• Focus on Those Who Are Here Now
• Transparency
Record-Breaking
Ask For Funding
For Texas Post Harvey

Governor’s Office
- $60 Billion
Prepare and Submit Permit Application to Build Mid-Bay Alternative

Affordable by local funds - $3 billion

Can be processed pending other asks being evaluated

Can be dropped at any time