



ABOUT TOWN - JULY 14, 2023

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JULY 12, 2023

MORAGA STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING

In 1979, the Town Council of Moraga formed a Street Lighting (SLAD) Assessment District for maintenance and operations for most of the Town's public streetlights. To maintain and continue the SLAD, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process through a public hearing. The Town Council held a public hearing on July 12th approving the SLAD Engineer's Report and continuing the current assessment of \$58 for a typical single-family residence to fund operations and repairs of the Town's streetlights and traffic signals. The \$58 assessment level has not increased since July 2010.

HOUSING ELEMENT

Town Council accepted an informational report on draft technical revisions to the 2023-2031 Moraga Housing Element, which was adopted on January 25, 2023. The informational report summarized the changes made to the previously adopted Housing Element in order to receive a finding of compliance by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). See the [staff report here](#). Staff will now submit to HCD for a formal compliance letter.

ADVANCED PLANNING INITIATIVE

Town Council approved the funding for Phase II of the Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative, which will include updates to the General Plan, Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, and Zoning Text Amendments. Phase II will create consistency among all the documents, respond to current issues such as sustainability, economic development, transportation, and the focus on the two commercial shopping centers. See the [staff report here](#).

RFP FOR MUNICIPAL ADVISORS

On July 12, 2023, Council authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for Municipal Advisory Services from qualified firms to review potential refunding of the Town's 2013 Public infrastructure projects Certificates of Participation. In November 2012, the Town of Moraga voters approved Measure K, a local one-percent general Sales Tax. The term of Measure K is 20 years, with a sunset date of 2033. The Town issued Certificates of Participation (COPs) totaling \$7.72 million to finance a variety of public infrastructure improvement projects. Currently, the outstanding amount total \$4.65 million with an average interest rate of 4.86% and a final maturity date of April 1, 2033. The Town spends approximately \$600,000 on principal and interest payments on an annual basis. The cost to hire an MA is estimated to be between \$20K to \$40K, which would be paid from future refunding proceeds. The total potential savings of the refunding is estimated to be approximately \$200K to \$300K (net of fees and cost of issuance).

REGIONAL TRAIL CLOSURE AFTER CANYON ROAD BRIDGE

The Lafayette - Moraga Regional Trail (LMRT) at the south end of Canyon Road Bridge will be closed for trail repairs from approximately Monday, July 17, 2023, to Monday, August 7, 2023. We appreciate your patience during the trail closure. Please check for future updates on the trail closure on the Town's [Canyon Road Bridge Replacement](#) project webpage. The Town is also coordinating with East Bay Regional Park District on their plans for reestablishing the closed portion of the LMRT from the Canyon Road Bridge to Westchester Street (in the Moraga Country Club).

MEASURE J COMPLIANCE

Town Council approved submission of a biennial compliance checklist for Growth Management Program to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). CCTA allocates 18 percent of the Measure J revenues to local jurisdictions for street maintenance and improvements. The allocation to the Town for FY 2021-22 is \$420,184.00 and for FY 2022-23 is estimated to be \$410,497. See the [staff report here](#). CCTA approval of the GMP compliance checklist is required every two years.

CIVIL ENGINEERING ON-CALL CONTRACTS

An On-Call Engineering Services Contracts were awarded at the July 12th meeting of the Town Council. Contracts were awarded to BKF, Sandis, and DK Engineering. These contracts are to support Public Works where small to medium engineering projects or studies, emergency services, or staff augmentation services are needed. The [staff report](#) can be viewed here detailing the request for proposals/qualifications, evaluation process, and recommended annual on-call budgets.

50TH ANNIVERSARY AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Town of Moraga will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of incorporation on November 12, 2024. On June 28, 2023, Town Council approved an initial budget of \$25,000 to serve as “seed money” to help pay for the events to commemorate this community milestone. Funding will be augmented with donations from the private sector, service clubs, residents, and other sources. On July 12, 2023, Town Council established an Ad Hoc 50th Anniversary Committee consisting of Mayor Renata Sos and Vice Mayor Teresa Onoda to coordinate the anniversary events. Stay tuned for more updates and how you may participate in celebrating the Town’s Golden Anniversary!

TOWN COUNCIL PROTOCOLS AD-HOC COMMITTEE

On June 16, 2023, Town Council held a special meeting (workshop) with the Town Manager and Town Attorney to discuss “Town Council and Town Manager Relations.” The topics covered at this workshop included: Role and responsibilities of Town Council and Town Manager; Communication between Councilmembers and staff; Councilmember conduct and operating norms; and Commitment to work together for the Town as a whole. On July 12, 2023, Town Council adopted a resolution establishing an Ad Hoc Town Council Protocols Review Committee to review the Town’s current Municipal Code and Town Council Protocols to determine if revisions are needed. This effort reflects Town Council’s commitment to transparency, openness, and practicing good government.

RMRA (SB 1) STREET PROJECT REPORTING ROAD LIST

The Town Council approved a revised annual Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) street project list which is part of the Annual Street Repairs project at their meeting. View the [staff report](#) for details. California Senate Bill 1 requires that agencies receiving certain gas tax revenues for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, repairing and replacing aging bridges for critical safety projects on the local streets and roads system provide a list of RMRA funded work for accountability and transparency.

ART IN PUBLIC SPACES MURAL SURVEY

The Art in Public Spaces Mural Subcommittee (APSC) created a survey to engage the public in selecting a theme and keywords in order to solicit a call for proposals for a mural along the Public Works Corp Yard/Town Chambers. The Town Council authorized APSC and staff to initiate the survey. The goal of this short survey is to gather words and thoughts from Moraga residents (school age and up) and business owners. What do you believe is the essence of Moraga? Please tell us in a few words. These words will help shape the theme of the mural. The Town Council will go through a process of review and approvals and vote on the mural’s final design. This theme and keywords selected will determine the direction of the mural. The survey ends on July 31 and can be found [here](#).

MORAGA PARK FOUNDATION AWARDS FUNDING



The Moraga Park Foundation (MPF) approved funding for the Town's Park and Recreation Department for their annual food truck events (\$1,000), annual movie nights (\$3,000), and a new scholarship program (\$5,000) at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 11. MPF's mission is to create a sense of a Moraga Community by enhancing recreational, cultural, and educational activities while improving the park facilities in the Town of Moraga. MPF also funds the Summer Concert Series! Donations are critical to the work the Moraga Park Foundation can do. Donations of any amount are always appreciated! To learn more, head to www.moragaparks.org.

MORAGA LIBRARY CLOSURE

The Moraga Library will be closed beginning on Saturday, July 29 for an interior improvement project that includes several areas of the library. The project is expected to take approximately 10 weeks and the library is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, October 10. Improvements to the library include new carpeting, relocating, and replacing the service desk, a new lounge area and marketplace, and resetting the bookshelves to improve accessibility. The refresh will also include new furniture in several areas of the library. The last day to place new holds for pickup at the library is Sunday, July 23. The book drop will be locked and holds will not be available for pickup during the closure. Library materials not picked up by the end of the day on Friday, July 28 can be collected when the library reopens on Tuesday, October 10. The hold period will be extended an extra week to October 17. During the closure, patrons may place holds online and pick them up at the Lafayette or Orinda libraries or any other Contra Costa County Library. Funding for the project is provided by the Town of Moraga and the Friends of the Moraga Library. The Friends contributed nearly \$90k in support of the refresh. Additional contributions from Moraga resident Mr. Robert Muller and the Stankus Family also helped to make the project possible.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY NEEDS MORAGA VOLUNTEERS

Contra Costa County needs Moraga volunteers to serve on the [Library Commission](#). If interested, [submit an application online](#) or [submit an application via mail or email](#) (PDF). For more information, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (925) 655-2000 or clerkoftheboard@cob.cccounty.us.

COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE RECESS

The Town Council meetings for July 26 and August 9 have been cancelled to provide a legislative break. The break occurs annually and was approved by the Council in January. The Council will resume their regular meeting schedule on Wednesday, August 23. The Planning Commission meetings are also cancelled during the legislative recess.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 18 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, July 26 – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED

Tuesday, August 1 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Monday, August 7, 5:00 pm – [Special Art in Public Spaces Committee](#), Hacienda Terrace Room

Wednesday, August 9 – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED

Monday, August 14, 6:30 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 15 – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Monday, August 21 – [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

The Casita and Hacienda de las Flores is located at [2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.

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