



ABOUT TOWN - FEBRUARY 16, 2018

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW TOWN MANAGER



The Town of Moraga is happy to welcome Cynthia Battenberg as the new Town Manager beginning March 12. Cynthia has extensive experience in local government including management, planning, public works, economic and community development and many other services. Most recently, Cynthia was the Community Development Director in San Leandro. Cynthia received her Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from UC Berkeley and her MBA from the Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA. Cynthia's optimistic and enthusiastic disposition is very contagious as reflected by her comments at the Council meeting on February 14. Please stop by, introduce yourself and welcome Cynthia to Moraga!



STORMWATER FEE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

A Notice of [Public Hearing](#) was mailed to all property owners affected by the proposed fees to 1) address first the high priority projects identified in the Storm Drain Master Plan; 2) implement an adequate operations and maintenance program to routinely inspect the storm drain system and conduct minor repairs to extend the life of storm drain infrastructure, especially to stabilize conditions for moderate and low priority projects; and 3) comply with unfunded clean water mandates to address water pollution and protect East Bay drinking water. An average home in Moraga would be assessed \$120 annually (or \$10 per month), with rates varying for other property types. The hearing is scheduled for March 14, providing an opportunity for property owners to attend and be heard. In addition, all property owners will have the opportunity to submit written protests of the proposed fees prior to and during the hearing. If a majority protest does not occur at the hearing, the Town Council will decide whether to move forward with the mail-in ballot phase for property owners to vote on the fee. Two informational meetings were held on February 12 with two additional informational meetings scheduled for February 20 at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. The hour-long meetings will start at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm. For those who cannot attend, please view the [video recording](#) of the one of the February 12 presentations. For more information about the stormwater fee initiative, please go to the Town's [Stormwater Funding](#) webpage and review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).



MORAGA MCE ROLL-OUT

Beginning this month, MCE, California's first Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, a locally controlled energy service, will initiate its enrollment process within Moraga and begin providing electric service in April. Residents and businesses within Town will be automatically enrolled in MCE's default service of 50% renewable energy, with options to opt up to MCE's Deep Green, which is 100% renewable, or opt out (on MCE's home page) and return to PG&E service. MCE customers will have the same reliable electricity service, with PG&E delivering power, maintaining the wires, and providing billing and gas services. PG&E will continue to send one monthly bill. Instead of one fee that combines charges for the delivery and generation of your electricity, the bill will show separate charges — one for electric delivery (provided by PG&E) and one for electric generation (provided by MCE). Questions? Go to [MCE Clean Energy](#) or call MCE at 888-632-3674.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 14

FY 2017/18 MIDYEAR BUDGET REVIEW

The Council approved the FY 2017/18 budget amendments unanimously which once again reflected Moraga's history of fiscal responsibility. Due to slightly stronger property tax collections and aggressive efforts to reduce spending, the FY 2016/17 final audit showed a surplus that exceeded adjusted budget estimates by \$765,603. The adjusted FY 2017/18 midyear budget projects an additional surplus to the unassigned General Fund balance of \$178,684. This means the Town's general fund unassigned reserve rose from 19% to around 32% adding nearly one million dollars and moving the Town closer to the Council's 50% goal. Council also established a special fund for the holiday contributions for the holiday tree and 4th of July festivities. The Council thanked staff for their continuing efforts to deliver quality services in a very cost effective manner.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs) ORDINANCE

The Town Council, on a split vote, waived the second reading and adopted an ordinance replacing Chapter 8.124 of the Moraga Municipal Code regulating the development of Accessory Dwelling Units. These new regulations are necessary to comply with recent changes in State law and concern approval and development standards for Accessory Dwelling Units, including size, height, and location. For more information, contact [Brian Horn, Associate Planner](#).

INDIAN VALLEY PROJECT EIR CONSULTANT CONTRACT

The Town Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Interim Town Manager to execute a contract with the Metropolitan Planning Group to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Indian Valley subdivision project.

LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FY 2018/19

In order to maintain and continue the assessment district, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process. Town Council initiated the first step of this process by ordering engineering assistance to prepare and file the required street lighting assessment district annual engineer's report to levy and collect assessments for FY 2018/19.

WW URBAN CREEKS GRANT APPLICATION

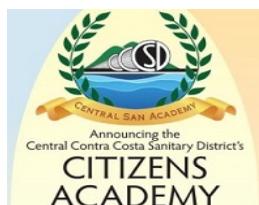
Town Council directed staff through Resolution 34-2014 to seek funding opportunities for the Laguna Creek Restoration Project and authorized staff to submit an application for a WW Urban Creeks Grant from the East Bay Regional Park District to meet this objective.

MORAGA LIBRARY COMMISSIONER STATUS REPORT

Town Council reviewed and accepted the 2017 Status Report submitted by Patricia Wernet, Contra Costa County Library Commissioner for Moraga. The school libraries of Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte, in conjunction with the Contra Costa County Library, are pleased to present "One Community, One Book." The schools of the Lamorinda community are invited to read [Salt to the Sea](#) (spoiler alert) during the month of February. There will also be programs related to the book happening at the local branches of the Contra Costa library including "Community Refugee Stories" at the Moraga Library on February 20 at 6:00 pm.



CENTRAL SAN "CITIZENS ACADEMY" - MARCH 27 TO MAY 1



Curious where water goes after it goes down the drain? The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's six-week "Citizens Academy" will provide a behind-the-scenes look at one of the community's core services, the wastewater industry. This **FREE** academy will be held on Tuesdays from March 27 to May 1, beginning at 6:00 pm and will include a facilities tour. For more information and to apply, visit the [Central San](#) website.



COFFEE WITH A COP - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Join Moraga Police Department (MPD) personnel for the next "Coffee with a Cop" on Thursday, February 22, beginning at 6:00 pm at Starbucks, 470 Moraga Road. Officers will be there for coffee and informal conversation with Moraga residents. Please mark your calendars! Call MPD at 925-888-7052 for more information.



LAMORINDA SUMMER CAMP JOB FAIR



Join the Town of Moraga and Cities of Lafayette and Orinda for a summer camp job fair on Saturday, March 3, 2018. There will be many summer camp providers ready to hire local talent for the summer months. In addition to meeting with employers and finding out which jobs are available, there will also be a résumé building workshop to get your résumé updated and ready to stand out. Come out to the Lafayette Community Center, Live Oak Room, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 pm, and kick off your summer job search. For more information visit moraqarec.com.



PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY



The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day Monday, February 19, re-opening for business on Tuesday, February 20.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Monday, February 26, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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

The 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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