Meeting Date: March 3, 2009

TOWN OF MORAGA **STAFF REPORT**

To: **Honorable Mayor, Town Council Members, and Parks and Recreation Commissioners**

From: **Jay Ingram, Parks and Recreation Director**

Subject: **Moraga Center Specific Plan Discussion**

Request

The Park and Recreation Commission requests a brief discussion on park and recreation related issues within the proposed Moraga Center Specific Plan area.

Background

The Park and Recreation Commission held a special meeting on July 8, 2008 dedicated to the Moraga Center Specific Plan (Attachment A). From that meeting commissioners expressed the following:

- No dedicated parks in the Moraga Center Specific Plan.
- Lack of green space.
- Site A or B (or even sites C or D) for a community facility.
- A community facility across the street from our main park requiring a need to cross the busiest street in town.
- Does the community need a gym?
- The future footprint of the Commons Park needs to be addressed at the same time as the Moraga Center Specific Plan.
- More discussion needs to happen with size and location of a community center.
- Can a community center be a potential joint venture with the School District?
- Safety must be a priority when placing a community center.
- Regardless of what gets done in the Specific Plan area, there will be an increase in activity and related maintenance with the Commons Park and we must plan for that increased activity.

Discussion

The Park and Recreation Commission would like to share the above issues with the Town Council. The Specific Plan has not been discussed as a Park and Recreation Commission topic since August of 2008. However, later this month, the Parks and Recreation Commission plans to have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss responses to comments, as well as issues such as size and location of the proposed community center.

Fiscal Impact

None at this time

Recommendation

Discuss Specific Plan issues as they relate to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Report Reviewed by: Interim Town Manager

Attachment A: Minutes from Special Park and Recreation Commission meeting, July 8, 2008.