



Meeting Date: September 15, 2015

**TOWN OF MORAGA**

**STAFF REPORT**

**To: Park and Recreation Commission**  
**From: Jay Ingram, Parks and Recreation Director**  
**Subject: September Agenda Items**

**New Business**

**Item VIII. A. East Bay Municipal Utility District Presentation – (presentation/discussion/action)**

Our speaker from East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) will be Charles Bohlig. With water conservation education as a Parks and Recreation Commission goal, Mr. Bohlig will focus his presentation on this topic and include potential ways to share concerns with neighbors and the larger community of Moraga. The presentation is scheduled for approximately 20 minutes and it provide a time for questions and answers from the Commission and interested public.

**Recommendation**

Hear the presentation and identify action steps the Commission can take to educate the greater Moraga community on water conservation.

**Item VIII. B. Consider Potential Town Council adopted Public Art Policy Revisions – (discussion/action)**

At the September 9, 2015 regular meeting the Town Council provided input on the current Public Art Policy for Moraga. They reviewed and considered funding models and a policy that will encourage the enhancement of public art in Moraga. The current Public Art Policy has rendered zero public art installations in Moraga. After reviewing different options, the Council appreciated the City of Orinda Art in Public Places Policy model. Direction to the Parks and Recreation Commission is to review the Orinda policy, make modifications and present a revised Public Art Policy to the Town Council at a later date.

Town Council also asked that the Commission consider funding sources to initiate the program. For example, Orinda has an *Art in Public Places Fund* that is maintained by donations, grants and limited city funds. The Town Council was not in favor of a new tax to fund public art, typically 1-2% required of developers or contractors doing building improvements.

Included in this packet is the existing Moraga Public Art Policy, Orinda Public Art Policy (and Resolution), and the staff report to Town Council regarding public art, dated September 9, 2015.

Recommendation

Review and consider the attachments provided and start discussions for a revised Public Art Policy.

**Item VIII. C. Park and Recreation Commission Goals for Town Council January Goal Setting Meeting - (discussion/action)**

This item was a request of the Park and Recreation Commission to strategically identify Commission goals and share them with the Town Council at their annual goal setting workshop, typically scheduled for January of each year. This discussion may involve funding request(s) to the Town Council and likely take multiple meetings to address. Starting the discussion now should provide the Commission time to identify appropriate goals and associated requests. Two goals the Commission identified at the August meeting were improving the identification of Moraga hiking/walking trails and the possibility of offering a Haunted Hacienda in 2016. Other goals will be open for discussion as well.