



MORAGA HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINES PROJECT

Meeting Purpose



- ❑ Introduce the Hillside and Ridgeline Project to the Steering Committee
- ❑ Review the role of the Steering Committee
- ❑ Receive preliminary input on key issues areas to address in the project



Project Overview



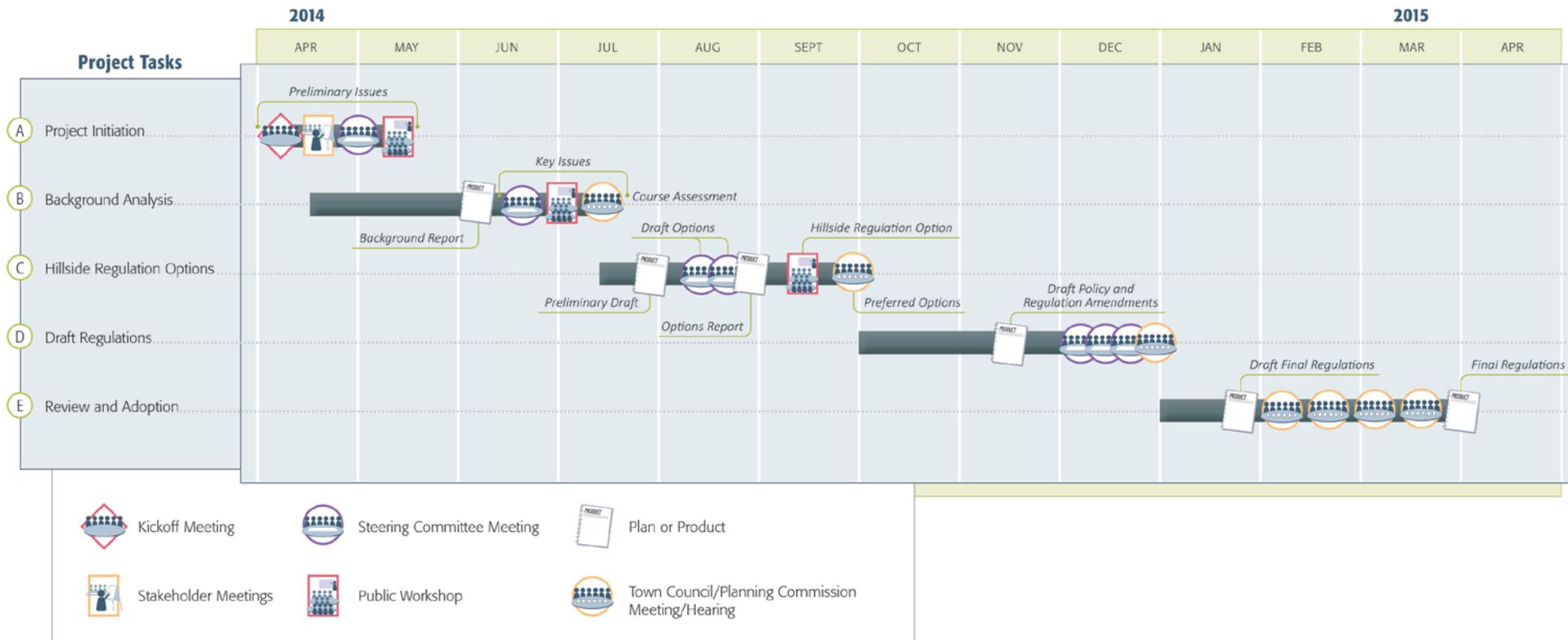
Goals:

- ❑ Reduce community conflicts over hillside and ridgeline development
- ❑ Clarify and educate the community about existing regulations
- ❑ Provide clear, factual, and technically-sound background data to support decision-making
- ❑ Improve existing regulations to better achieve the Town's open space goals and policies

Project Schedule



Moraga Hillside and Ridgelines Project Schedule



Community Participation



Goals:

- ❑ Provide for a fair, open, and transparent process.
- ❑ Solicit a diversity of opinions and points of view
- ❑ Show how public input shapes the contents of the project
- ❑ Promote civil and constructive engagement
- ❑ Provide a structured process with open outcomes

Public Outreach



Informing the Community

- ❑ Print and Media
 - Press Releases
 - Newspaper Advertisements
 - Public Notices
 - Posters Advertising Workshops
 - Town Marquee
- ❑ Internet
 - E-mail Updates
 - Town Website
 - Open Town Hall

Receiving Input

- ❑ Community Workshops
- ❑ Stakeholder Meetings
- ❑ Steering Committee Meetings
- ❑ Town Council and Planning Commission Study Sessions
- ❑ Public Hearings
- ❑ Open Town Hall

Open Town Hall



- ❑ On-line civic engagement
- ❑ Supplements traditional in-person workshops
- ❑ Carefully moderated to promote civility
- ❑ Broadens public participation in the project
- ❑ Participation increases with personal invitations from elected officials



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Welcome Mike Alvarez



Fremont Open City Hall

Fremont Open City Hall is an online forum for civic engagement. Read what others are saying about important Fremont topics, and then post your own statement. City

officials will read the statements and incorporate them into their decision process.

When you post your first statement, you will be asked for your name and home address. This confidential information is only used to identify statements from residents in and near Fremont - so that users know which statements

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How do you receive your news and information about what is happening in Fremont?

Participation



Fremont City Council
Mayor Bill Harrison
Vice Mayor Anu Natarajan
Councilmember Suzanne Lee Chan

Who is listening?

Fremont City Council



How should San Ramon celebrate the Fourth of July and why?



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302 statements

Michael Bellis inside Twin Creeks

September 21, 2012, 8:51 PM

Central Park event with one location for community celebration and aerial fireworks. Estimated cost \$318,000

The traffic congestion lasts for 15 minutes and is no worse than a typical 4-5PM exodus of commute traffic. I am in favor of the traditional San Ramon 4th of July Celebration. This year I took my family to Livermore and avoided San Ramon all together. It was very dissapointing. I have been a San Ramon resident for over 10 years and have raised my children here. We have never missed the San Ramon fire works diplay until it was canceled.

Please bring back the fire works display and central park party. It is a small price to pay for the ammount of joy it brings to the residents.

Michael Bellis
Twin Creeks, San Ramon

6 Supporters

11 Connected Statements

Beckie Seitz inside Montevideo

September 21, 2012, 8:43 PM

Central Park event with one location for community celebration and aerial fireworks. Estimated cost \$318,000

We have lived in San Ramon now for 12 years and every year we host a 4th of July party at our home because of the fireworks display. We have friends who come from all over the bay area to share in this tradition. San Ramon needs this type of event to build community spirit, celebrate our incorporation and our Nations' independence. Our family has so many fond memories of going to the school park, just a short walk from the house, and meeting up with all of our neighbors and friends from school to watch the fireworks. All of the kids run around together, excited to see eachother since school is out and summer is underway, sharing snacks and songs and playing games.

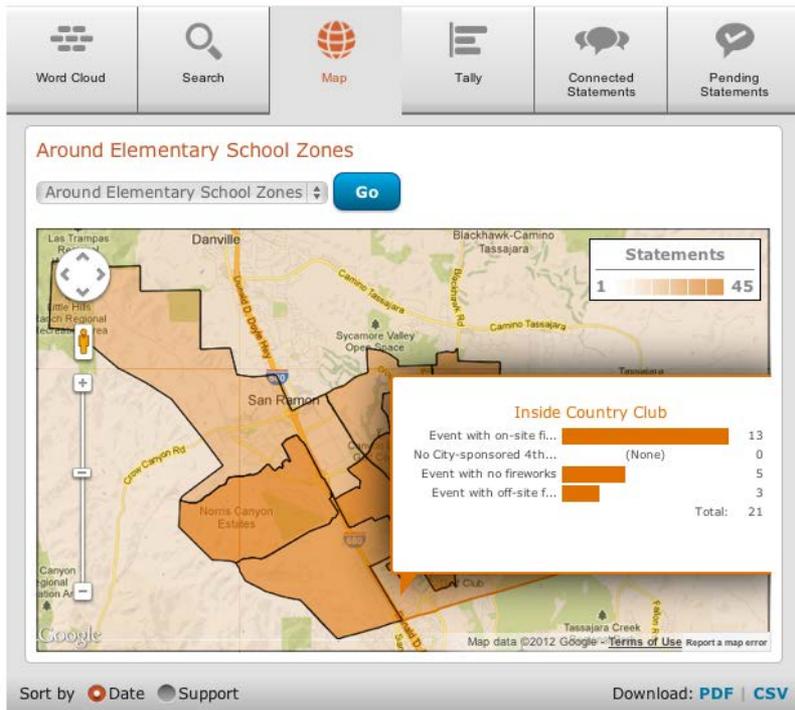
We were beyond disappointed when we found out they were cancelled last July. Our 4th of July was a sad day because there was no place nearby that offered the same safe, homey feel of our fireworks

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5 Supporters

9 Connected Statements

How should San Ramon celebrate the Fourth of July and why?



302 statements around Elementary School Zones

Name not shown inside Golden View

October 5, 2012, 2:27 PM

Central Park event with no aerial fireworks. Estimated event cost: \$41,580

We should use the fireworks money towards San Ramon downtown project.

1 Supporter

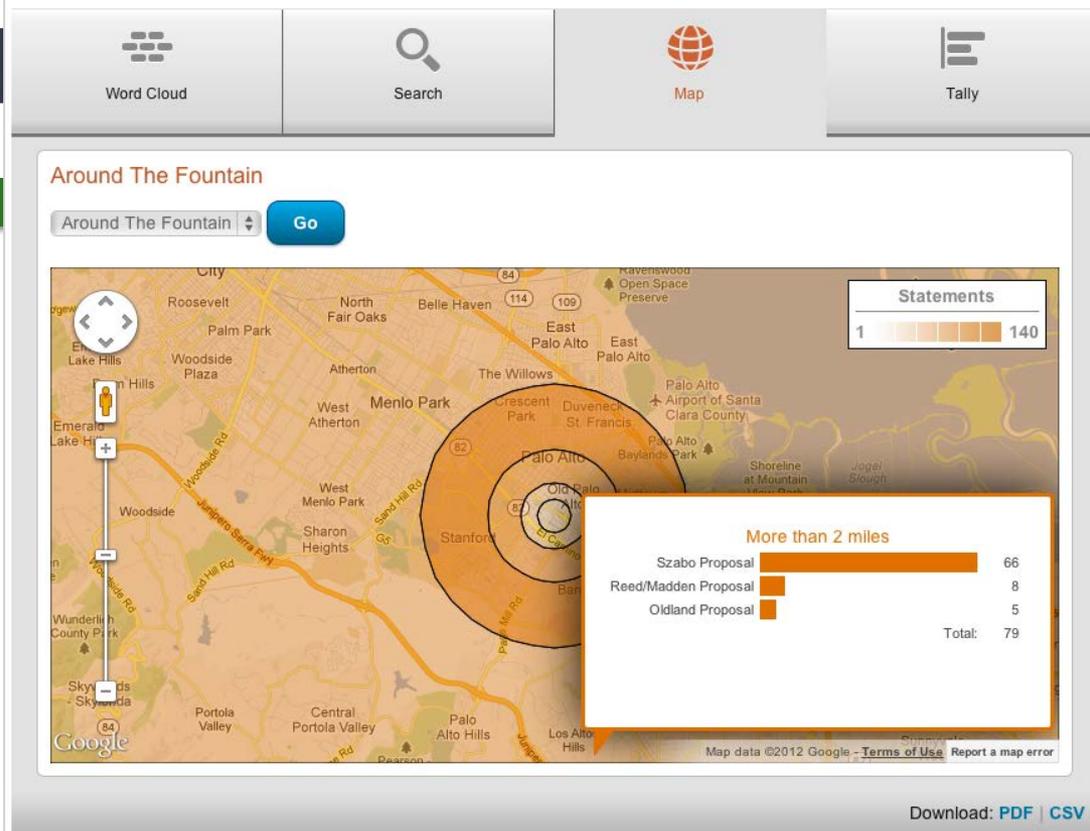
Name not shown inside Bollinger Canyon

October 5, 2012, 12:25 PM

Central Park event with one location for community celebration and aerial fireworks. Estimated cost \$318,000

We need to express and support our patriotism, and what better way to do so, than to come together

[PRIVATE] Choose Your Favorite Fountain



419 statements around the fountain

Name not shown 1 to 2 miles

January 18, 2011, 11:54 AM

Reed/Madden Proposal

I really do like the Szabo design, but I am concerned that it might be less conducive for birds who want to use the fountain undisturbed. If the water is not to be used by birds, then I would prefer the Szabo design, but I would really rather have a design that is usable by small birds. When there are birds using a community fountain, it seems so much more as if the fountain should be there and have life as an integral part of the community. I hope this consideration for birds is taken in whatever design that is chosen.

Thanks so much!



July Fourth Celebrations

How should San Ramon celebrate the Fourth of July and why?

All Participants around Elementary School Zones

Event with on-site fireworks		213
No City-sponsored 4th of July event		11
Event with no fireworks		44
Event with off-site fireworks		34
Total:		302

As with any public comment process, participation in Open San Ramon is voluntary. The statements in this record are not necessarily representative of the whole population, nor do they reflect the opinions of any government agency or elected officials.

As of January 14, 2013, 1:33 PM, this forum had:

Attendees:	925
Participants around Elementary School Zones:	316
Hours of Public Comment:	15.8

Steering Committee



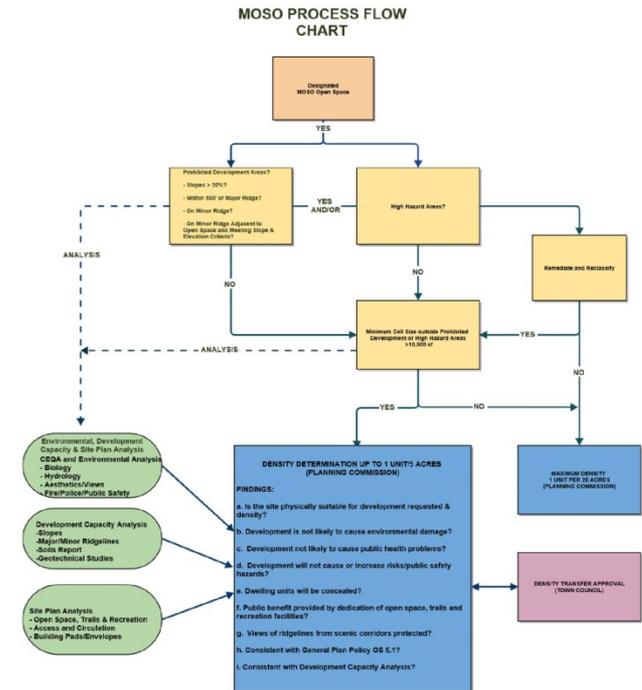
Role:

- ❑ Provide feedback and direction on project materials to Town staff and consultants
- ❑ Make recommendations on amended regulations to the Planning Commission and Town Council
- ❑ Ensure that project outcomes reflect the full diversity of opinions in the community
- ❑ Provide updates to the Town Council, Planning Commission, Design Review Board, and Parks and Recreation Commission

Small Victories Series



- ❑ Phase 2 of the Saint Mary's College Leadership Series
- ❑ One Small Victories group focused on hillside and ridgeline issues
- ❑ Group of 6 to 8 participants met six times over several months
- ❑ Produced a simplified MOSO process diagram



Notes:
This diagram was created as part of the "Small Victories" Workshop Series held in February-April 2014. It is not an official or adopted document of the Town of Moraga.

The diagram is a graphic summary of the process to develop a "Status Determination" for allowable density on MOSO property, as established by the "Guidelines for Interpreting and Implementing the Moraga Open Space Initiative." It is acknowledged that other Town applications and associated approval processes may be necessary in conjunction with or subsequent to a Status Determination, to determine the permitted density and uses on a specific property, in addition to those shown in this flowchart.

Steering Committee



We thank you for:

- ❑ Attending all seven scheduled meetings
- ❑ Reviewing project materials in advance of meetings
- ❑ Acknowledging and respecting different viewpoints
- ❑ Keeping an open mind
- ❑ Maintaining a problem-solver mindset
- ❑ Constructively working with a facilitator

Stakeholder Interviews



- ❑ Purpose: Receive input from a range of people familiar with hillside development issues in Moraga
- ❑ Four groups interviewed on April 10, 2014:
 - Residents
 - Property Owner/Developers
 - Architects/Engineers
 - Open Space Advocates
- ❑ Discussion Question: What are the key issues associated with the development and conservation of hillside areas in Moraga?
- ❑ General themes of input:

Community Workshop #1



Wednesday, April 16th, 2014

7 pm – 9 pm

Hagarty Lounge at De La Salle Hall

Saint Mary's College

1928 Saint Mary's Rd, Moraga



Community Workshop #1



Goals:

- ❑ Begin the project with an open forum for residents to express their opinions
- ❑ Enable everyone to provide input and not be dominated by the most vocal and aggressive individuals
- ❑ Identify issues most important to residents



Community Workshop #1



Discussion Questions:

1. What are the key issues associated with the development and conservation of hillside areas in Moraga?
2. Are there specific Town policies and regulations that should be changed as part of this project?



Steering Committee Discussion



Existing Policies and Regulations:

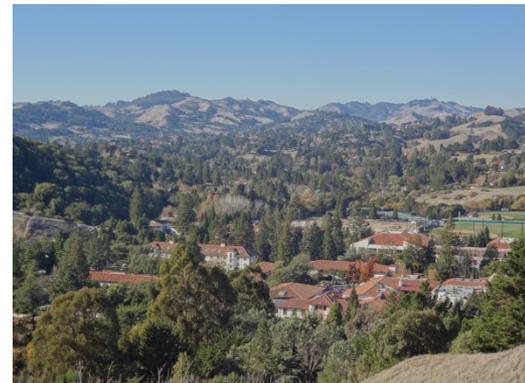
- General Plan
- MOSO Ballot Initiative
- MOSO Guidelines
- Town Design Guidelines
- Grading Ordinance
- Zoning Code
 - Section 8.48 (Planned Development District)
 - Section 8.128 (Ridgeline Protection)
 - Chapter 8.136 (Slope Density)
 - Section 8.52 (MOSO and Non-MOSO Open Space)

Discussion



Example Topic Areas:

- ❑ Mapping and Background Data
- ❑ Calculating Slope
- ❑ Visual Impacts
- ❑ Permits and Approvals
- ❑ Grading
- ❑ Hazards
- ❑ Other Issues





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