



ABOUT TOWN - JULY 9, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



WELCOME NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR AFSHAN HAMID



Afshan Hamid comes to the Town of Moraga most recently from the City of Vallejo where she served as Planning Manager. Afshan has also worked for the Cities of Concord and Walnut Creek and has extensive advanced planning and current planning experience, most recently assisting Vallejo in a comprehensive Zoning Code update. Afshan has a Master's degree in architecture from MIT, an undergraduate degree from University of Chicago, Illinois and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Afshan is excited to join the Town of Moraga and lead the Planning Department. Afshan resides in Danville with her husband and two daughters.



LOVE YOUR PARKS SIX FEET APART

As park amenities open, the Town continues to receive increasing complaints regarding violations of the Contra Costa County Health Order. Individuals shall wear face coverings when less than six (6) feet away from any person who is not a member of the individual's household or living unit. Moraga Commons Park and Rancho Laguna Park are seeing unprecedented usage and the appropriate use of face coverings will help keep our public parks safer for all.

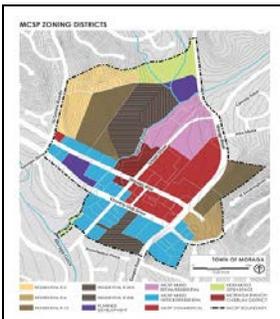


TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 2020

On November 3, 2020, Moraga voters will elect three Councilmembers. The nomination period for the election will be open from Monday, July 13, through Friday, August 7. If one of the incumbent officeholders does not file by the August 7 deadline, the nomination period will be extended (for any qualified person other than the incumbent) until Wednesday, August 12 at 5:00 pm. Nomination papers must be obtained from the Town Clerk's office, by appointment only, during the nomination period. Contact the Town Clerk at 925-888-7022 or [Town Clerk](#) for election details.



MORAGA CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE



On Monday, July 20, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) Implementation Project for recommendation to the Town Council. The project includes a revised zoning map, new and updated zoning districts, amendments to Title 8 of the Moraga Municipal Code, and updates to the Town of Moraga Design Guidelines consistent with the MCSP document adopted in 2010. The MCSP area comprises approximately 187 acres located in the southwestern area of Moraga along the Moraga Road and Moraga Way roadways and their intersection.



COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE RECESS

The Town Council meetings on July 22 and August 12 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 26.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JULY 8, 2020

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EBMUD ON LANDSLIDE REMEDIATION PLAN

Following three years of negotiations, the Town of Moraga and EBMUD reached an agreement to work together to craft an agreement that protects the Canyon Road bridge by providing for the construction of a retaining wall to mitigate (and hopefully prevent) future landslide damage in the area near the Canyon Road bridge, Moraga Creek and Augusta Drive. The agreement was adopted by EBMUD on June 30 and the Town Council on July 8, 2020.

LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

The engineering staff presented Council with a [report](#) on the status of the Laguna Creek Restoration Project. The Council discussed the project to re-establish a natural channel along a portion of Laguna Creek and to mitigate flooding of the Pavilion at the Hacienda de las Flores. The project will provide flood protection, habitat restoration, and serve as a public amenity. This restoration project is funded primarily through grants. Council directed staff to proceed with initial design documents and environmental studies while providing regular updates.

ORDINANCE AMENDING MMC CHAPTER 8.88 (SIGNS)

On July 8, the Town Council voted to introduce an Ordinance amending several sections of Chapter 8.88 (Sign Ordinance) of the Moraga Municipal Code that it previously considered on June 24 to streamline the sign approval process. Specifically, the changes will streamline the approval process for certain types of commercial signs and for new signs that are part of an approved Master Sign Program, allowing new Master Sign Programs greater variety of signs and revising the permit requirement for portable signs. The amendments to Chapter 8.88 will go into effect on August 7, 30 days after adoption.

RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION AT 1299 SCHOOL STREET

The Town Council received a report regarding the Chase Bank project, located at 1299 School Street. After receiving public comment, the Council decided to continue the discussion for further consideration until their next meeting on August 26, 2020. The Chase Bank representatives present at the meeting agreed to continue the hearing, noting it would not be an imposition for the bank to delay the dedication acceptances.



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE



The Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project is in its twelfth week of construction. The July 3 early morning mass concrete pour of the stem, soffit, and abutments was a success. In the next two weeks, the contractor will form and pour the bridge deck. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation. For more information, please visit the [Project website](#) page. To sign up for project updates, please register at [Notify Me](#)



CENTRAL SAN PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS

On July 6, 2020 the Planning Commission reviewed and unanimously approved applications from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) for a Conditional Use Permit, Variance and Fence Permit for the construction of a new surge tank, generator and six (6) and eight (8) foot high redwood fences with new front yard landscaping at the existing Moraga pump station at 1790 School Street. The facility pumps sewage from Moraga to CCCSD's treatment plant in Martinez. The improvements are considered essential by CCCSD to continue to ensure reliable sanitary service for the Town.



Vicinity Map



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, July 20, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), **TELECONFERENCED**

Tuesday, July 21 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, July 22, – [Town Council](#), **CANCELLED**

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](#).

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