



ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 26, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PHASE 2 WORK BEGINS APRIL 15

Canyon Rd Bridge
Project Update
April 14 - 6:30 pm
Town Council
Meeting

Construction is scheduled to begin April 15 on Phase 2 of the project that includes the new outbound traffic lane, bike lanes, pedestrian walkway, street lighting, street pavement restoration, and traffic striping work. Motorists should expect average 15-minute traffic delays due to construction. For the most up-to-date project information, including planned traffic delays, refer to posted electronic message boards near the bridge and the [project's website](#).



EBMUD MORAGA CREEK EROSION AND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

EBMUD will be providing an update on their Moraga Creek Erosion and Flood Control project at the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 6:30 pm. They will be discussing their project to stabilize the hillsides below Augusta Drive and adjacent to the Moraga Creek in Moraga following the 2016 and 2017 landslides that occurred on EBMUD property. On March 16, EBMUD hosted a virtual community informational meeting. A video recording of this meeting, additional information and contacts are available at [EBMUD Moraga Creek](#).



FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 BUDGET PREPARATION PROCESS

Following the mid-year budget review and the development of the Town goals and priorities in January, the Town has begun the process of developing the operating and capital budgets for FY 2021/22 to identify resources and establish the Town's programs, goals, and service levels for the upcoming fiscal year. Prior to the proposed budget being presented in May to the Audit and Finance Committee and to the Town Council on June 9, the Council will discuss the Five-year Capital Improvement Program and provide direction regarding next year's budget. The Town awaits the Treasury Department's interpretation of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) as it relates to funds for local agencies as the ARP will provide needed funding to the Town.



PICNIC AREA RESERVATIONS

Picnic areas at the Moraga Commons and Rancho Laguna parks are now available for reservation. Under current County guidelines, outdoor social gatherings of up to three households are permitted. All groups are expected to follow County and State [guidelines](#) while using the picnic areas, including maintaining social distancing and wearing masks when not eating. Picnic area availability can be checked [online](#) prior to submitting a [rental application](#) to the Parks and Recreation Department. Applications submitted via [email](#) are preferred.



DO YOUR PART TO KEEP MORAGA'S STREETS SAFE

Traffic safety is more important now than ever. School is back in session, more kids are walking and biking, and the nice weather and lighter evenings are bringing people outside. Moraga Police have received complaints about motorists not yielding for pedestrians in crosswalks, including a teen nearly hit by a car recently. Please be aware of others on the roads, keep your speeds down and STAY OFF

YOUR PHONE! Moraga Police will be actively enforcing traffic laws to help keep the streets safe for all. Please do your part by driving safely and slowly.



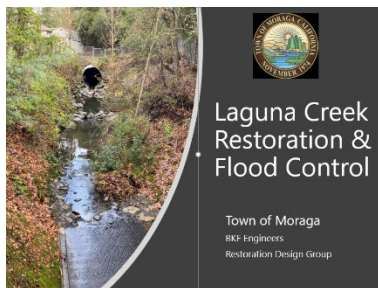
RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 24, 2021

TOWN TO UPDATE SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES ORDINANCE

The Council discussed the process to update the Town's small cell wireless facility Ordinance to address some of the developmental and procedural standards such as location preferences, aesthetic requirements, noise and public noticing. The Council appropriated \$20,000 for Burke, Williams & Sorensen, the Town's legal counsel, to complete the work and directed staff to initiate the process, including working with community stakeholders. A draft Ordinance should be brought to the Planning Commission for review in May/June and to the Council for consideration in June/July. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).



LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE



Town Council received a [presentation](#) on the project status. The project consists of removing an eight-foot diameter underground culvert and creating a natural channel in its place. The project location is at the Hacienda de las Flores near the Pavilion building, where historic flooding has occurred at the culvert. The Council presentation summarized the input received through a series of public meetings, including a Community Workshop and the Planning and Park and Recreation Commission meetings. The Town Council was supportive of the design alternatives that incorporated the public input. Please see

the [staff report](#) and the [Project web page](#) for additional information.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU) ORDINANCE

Town Council authorized an [update to the existing Ordinance](#) to be consistent with new State laws that went into effect January 1, 2020. The [ADU Ordinance amendment](#) advances the 2002 General Plan, 2015 Housing Element and Town Council goals. The intent of the new law is to enable ADU construction, streamline approval processes and expand capacity to accommodate the development of ADUs and Junior ADUs. The Ordinance will be brought back for final adoption at the April 14 meeting.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CAMINO RICARDO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The Council accepted SummerHill Homes [annual report](#) required by the terms of their Development Agreement for the Camino Ricardo (Harvest Court) development. The annual report includes a review of accounts of fees paid and owed to the Town, assignments or transfers of property, and the construction status of public improvements that occurred during the past year for the subdivision project. The Town Manager found the developer complied in good faith with the terms of the Development Agreement and that two items remain outstanding. The Town has not accepted West Commons Park because the asphalt pathway has failed and a reimbursement agreement for the crosswalk on Moraga Road has not been reached.

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT REPORT

Town Council considered the State required [annual reports](#) for the year 2020. Progress is measured by how many housing construction permits have been issued at various income levels. The report gives special attention to the housing-related programs since the State requires more detailed and specific reporting of the Town's progress in meeting its share of the regional housing needs. The annual report will allow the Town to seek future grant and funding opportunities through the State, regional and transportation agencies.

PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Town Council proclaimed March as Red Cross Month. The American Red Cross knows that after a disaster, *help can't wait*. Families urgently need relief like emergency shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance. The COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the trauma and financial strain of disasters of all sizes and struggling families have needed help quickly and faced more hurdles to recover. Unite with thousands of compassionate people by donating at [Red Cross Giving Day](#). A gift

of any size makes a difference to provide shelter, food, relief items and other assistance. Diana Graham, Community Preparedness Lead, attended virtually to receive the proclamation.



ART IN PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

The Art in Public Spaces Committee, in collaboration with Campolindo High School and Saint Mary's College, are proud to unveil [Moraga Presents: The Arts!](#) The video is the first in a series highlighting artists living and working in the Moraga community. Visit the [Town's website](#) to view the [full-length version](#) of the video or access other works by the Art in Public Spaces Committee. Thank you to the contributing artists and the talented editors from Campolindo High School for editing the videos.



MORAGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NEEDS BOARD MEMBERS



The [Moraga Community Foundation](#) (MCF), a nonprofit organization, works to establish community projects that enhance the quality of life in the Town of Moraga. MCF is currently working to make improvements and updates to the Commons Park's ADA accessibility and picnic areas. MCF is

looking for Directors who want to take the Foundation to a new level. Individuals residing in the Moraga area or with a principal place of business in Moraga are eligible to apply. MCF terms are for two years and board members meet monthly. Please email a letter of interest by Monday, May 3, to applicants@moragacommunityfoundation.org.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 30, 5:30pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 6, – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, April 14, **6:30 pm*** – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE ***New Start Time**

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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