



# ABOUT TOWN - FEBRUARY 11, 2022

## UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TWO COMMITTEES

The Town still needs volunteers to fill critical roles on the [Audit and Finance Committee](#) (1 opening) and the [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) (3 openings). Moraga is known for its strong sense of community and volunteerism. Please consider applying today! Click on the Committee name for more information and to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#).



### RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022

#### ***BOLLINGER CANYON SPECIAL STUDY AREA***

Town Council provided direction via motion on General Plan and zoning designations for the 423 acre Bollinger Canyon Special Study Area. This project is part of the comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative that is currently underway. The purpose of the Town's zoning regulations is to establish standards for the use of property, including permitted uses and development standards such as parcel size and building height. Parcel Group 1, with 11 parcels adjacent to the Bluffs neighborhood, was recommended for one dwelling unit per acre. Parcel Group 2, comprised of the Harvey Ranch properties, was recommended for Non-MOSO Open Space. Parcel Group 3, comprised of five large parcels, is recommended for Rural Residential zoning of one dwelling unit per five acres. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

#### ***FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENTS***

Town Council reviewed and unanimously accepted the [FY 2021/22 Mid-Year Budget Report](#) at the Council meeting. Staff outlined changes in both revenue and expenditure projections. The Town's General Fund Proposed Budget Adjustments for FY 2021/22 resulted in an increase to the projected year-end fund balance from \$4,977,471 to \$5,215,773 or net surplus of \$175,694 which increases the projected General Fund Reserve Policy from 50% to 52%. Council also approved the mid-year amendments to the FY 2021/22 budget. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

#### ***JOINT MORAGA-LAFAYETTE SURFACE SEAL PAVEMENT PROJECT***

The Town Council authorized a joint project agreement with the City of Lafayette for Phase 2 of the 2021 Street Repair Project. Phase 2 will consist of the replacement of concrete curb ramps and surface seal of a limited number of residential streets. The Lamorinda cities have completed numerous joint resurfacing projects previously, resulting in lower costs through a larger economy of scales of bigger projects. For additional information, please visit the project's [webpage](#).

#### ***LIBRARY LEASE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT***

Town Council approved an updated library lease and service agreement with Contra Costa County to continue operation of the [Moraga Library](#), replacing the current 1993 lease agreement. The standardized agreement is being implemented countywide and includes an increase in the base hours from 35 to 40 hours weekly. The provisional option for Sunday hours is no longer available.

#### ***MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE (MWEL0)***

Town Council adopted the 2015 State Ordinance to address any current or future drought conditions through water efficiency, irrigation, and use of drought-tolerant plant materials. The Town's requirements will now be consistent with Senate Bill 1383 Article 8 which requires the implementation of a Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance (MWEL0). The adoption of MWEL0 addresses the Town Council 2021 Goals and Priorities which state, "Continue evaluation and implementation of viable

strategies in Moraga's Climate Action Plan to lessen the Town's impact on the environment." MWELo is a strategy of the accepted 2014 Climate Action Plan. View the [staff report](#).

### **APPLICATIONS FOR CALRECYCLE PAYMENT PROGRAMS**

California SB 1383 was passed to reduce methane emissions statewide. RecycleSmart is a joint powers authority that manages solid waste services and promotes sustainability on behalf of Moraga and surrounding communities. The Town applied for a \$23,000 CalRecycling grant to fund costs associated with implementing new SB 1383 compliance programs. The Town will manage grant reimbursement requests for RecycleSmart and include the Town's administrative costs. RecycleSmart will provide a presentation about their services at an upcoming Council meeting.

### **TOWN COUNCIL 2022 GOALS – FOR THE COMMUNITY, WITH THE COMMUNITY**

The Town Council adopted the [Moraga Town Council 2022 Goals](#) which include the following 16 goals: fiscal sustainability; 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element, General Plan and Bollinger Canyon Special Study Area; Canyon Road Bridge project; 2022 Pavement Reconstruction Project and 2023 Design of the "Worst Streets First;" Storm Drain Operations and Maintenance Program; ARPA grant funding; quality public safety; parks, open space and facilities; traffic safety; public outreach and communications; Moraga's Climate Action Plan; diversity and inclusion throughout the Town; improve Moraga's business climate; collaborate with Saint Mary's College, and participate in a Moraga community service day.



## **PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day Monday, February 21, re-opening for business on Tuesday, February 22.



## **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

Tuesday, February 15 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, February 16, 6:00 pm – [Special Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

Monday, February 21 – [Art in Public Spaces](#), **CANCELLED**

Monday, February 21 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

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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