



## ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 11, 2022 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### THE BALANCING ACT TOOL IS NOW LIVE!



**Why?** Every eight years, California cities are required to update their housing plans and identify locations where their share of housing growth could be built. This State-mandated plan is called a Housing Element. Moraga must identify and zone enough land to accommodate 800 new housing units. The Town is responsible for identifying the land to accommodate these units, not for building the units.

**Play!** Go to [makemoragahome.org](http://makemoragahome.org), click the Balancing Act Tool icon or scan the QR code. It's fun, easy, and takes just a few minutes.



**Tell us!** Where would you put new housing? The Balancing Act Tool enables residents to “click” on each of the subareas and use “plus” and “minus” tools to add virtual housing units to each area.



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

#### ***PROCLAMATION HONORING BRIAN SOUTH***

The Town Council presented a proclamation to Brian South honoring his 20 years of service to the Town and the Moraga Police Department (MPD). Brian served as MPD's Lieutenant for the past five and a half years and recently accepted a position with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Brian was recognized for his service and dedication to the Town, including his work in fundraising for the Special Olympics, Community Violence Solutions and membership in Moraga Rotary, including as President for the past two years. Brian had become the heart and soul of MPD while living and supporting the ideal of giving back to the community. Many thanks to Brian South for his service and hard work!

#### ***PROCLAMATION HONORING CLIFF DOCHTERMAN***

The Council also recognized Cliff Dochterman for a lifetime of service under his theme, “Real Happiness is Helping Others.” Cliff was honored for his many contributions to the Moraga community and around the world, and for his invaluable leadership and dedication to service over his long and meaningful life.

#### ***PROCLAMATION HONORING THE MORAGA GARDEN CLUB***

The Town Council recognized the Moraga Garden Club for their significant achievements on the “Moraga for Monarchs” initiative which resulted in the creation of a 2,600 square foot Monarch Habitat and Demonstration Garden at Rancho Laguna Park. The project spanned 15 months and included 2,870 volunteer hours and fundraising efforts that exceeded \$92,000. The Monarch Habitat includes over 600 plants including 95 different native and drought tolerant varieties to increase the habitat for pollinators creating environmental, educational, and artistic benefits for the Moraga community.

#### ***MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE***

The Town Council approved participation in the 2022 Mayor's Monarch Pledge through the National Wildlife Federation. In recognition of the “Moraga for Monarchs” initiative led by the Moraga Garden Club, the Town Council approved participation in the 2022 program by committing to three of the required community actions which include the March 9, 2022 Proclamation to the Garden Club, the

Seed Bank at the Moraga Library, and the “Welcome to the Garden” community event scheduled on June 5, 2022 at Rancho Laguna Park.

### **MORAGA ROAD AND HACIENDA DRAINAGE PROJECT**

The Town Council authorized a construction management and inspection agreement with AnchorCM for the Moraga Road and Hacienda Drainage Project (CIP 21-206). Storm drain video inspections revealed three priority storm drainpipe repairs: 1) a 12-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) that is causing pavement depression in the auxiliary Hacienda parking lot; 2) a 60 inch diameter CMP pipe invert that is eroded adjacent to the Hacienda parking lot; and 3) a damaged 36-inch diameter CMP storm drain crossing underneath Moraga Road near Corliss Drive. Work is expected to start in spring 2022.

### **PRESENTATION ON SB 1383 BY RECYCLESMART**

Judith Silver from RecycleSmart provided an [informative update](#) to the Council on SB 1383, the most significant waste reduction bill enacted in the past 30 years. SB 1383’s goal is to reduce disposal of organic waste in landfills, including edible food. In California, paper, food, lumber and other organics make up over 67% of the waste stream. As of January 2022, all multi-family and commercial businesses in Moraga are provided organic waste collection services through Republic Services, Moraga’s solid waste provider. SB 1383 also targets large organic producers such as grocery stores and educational facilities with on-site food and requires the separation and recovery of edible food that would otherwise be disposed of to feed people as well as the tracking of recovery activities. RecycleSmart will be working with the seven large organic waste producers in Moraga to ensure their participation in organics diversion programs.

### **PURCHASING POLICY UPDATE TO COMPLY WITH SB 1383**

Another element of SB 1383 is a requirement for all local agencies to update their purchasing policies to require the purchase of 30% post-consumer content recycled paper as well as recordkeeping. The Council amended the Town’s purchasing policy to provide a 10% price preference for recycled paper products of similar quality.

### **2021 – 2023 ANNUAL ROAD REHABILITATION AND STORM DRAIN REPAIRS PROJECT**

The Town Council authorized an engineering design agreement with Harris and Associates (Harris) for the 2021-23 Annual Storm Drain Repairs Project (CIP 21-205). As part of the Town’s ARPA funded expanded storm drain program, 10,000 linear feet of the most vulnerable storm drainpipes including 7,660 feet of corrugated metal pipes will be inspected, videotaped, analyzed and prioritized for replacement or rehabilitation (R/R). Harris will complete a Storm Drain Assessment Condition Report for the Town Council. The Report will provide recommendations on Storm Drain R/R project schedule and cost estimates along with engineering design plans for an up to \$1.186 million construction budget.



### **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER**

The Town needs one volunteer for the [Audit and Finance Committee \(AFC\)](#). This Committee is comprised of three Moraga residents and two Councilmembers, and is responsible for previewing the annual budget, the mid-year budget updates, the annual audit report and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) before Council review. The AFC meets approximately four times a year. If you have knowledge of finance or accounting (preferably public sector finance), please consider applying! Click on the Committee name to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk’s Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email the [Town Clerk](#).



### **LOCAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS**

The Town needs two volunteers for the [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee \(LSTOC\)](#). This Committee is comprised of seven Moraga residents charged with annually reviewing the receipts and expenditures of the Local Sales Tax and preparing a report for the Town Council. The LSTOC meets approximately three times a year. If you have expertise in finance, accounting, pavement management, engineering, or capital project management, please consider applying today! Click on the Committee name to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk’s Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email the [Town Clerk](#).



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

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

Monday, March 21, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Monday, March 21, 7:00 pm – Joint Lamorinda Councils Meeting, TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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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