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## Moraga Hires a New Town Engineer

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On Monday, July 2, Moraga Town Council member Ken Chew was in a meeting with Supervisor John Gioia (Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, representing District One that includes the cities of Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito, and part of Pinole) when the discussion turned to Edric Kwan. "We had just received the announcement from Jill Keimach that she had hired Edric Kwan as the new Town Engineer and Public Works Director," said Chew. "Supervisor Gioia turned to me and said, 'sounds like you've hired our best employee!'"

Kwan was Capital Projects Manager for the City of Richmond; he takes up his new post in Moraga on July 23. Moraga Town Manager Jill Keimach wrote, "Edric started in 2008 as Richmond's Capital Projects Manager... (and) was then promoted to Richmond City Engineer in 2010 where he was responsible for Engineering, Wastewater and Stormwater Divisions."

In that capacity Kwan managed a staff of 30 employees. A few months into the job, he made national news when Richmond had a sinkhole 30-feet deep. "Under Edric's leadership, and because of the cooperative teamwork from a multiple of agencies, the City was able to quickly build a bypass road and work on the final reconstruction of the storm drain and road," wrote Keimach. The project was recently awarded the "Emergency Project of the Year" by the American Public Works Association Northern California Chapter.

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