

Planning for Moraga's Roads

By Sophie Braccini

Edric Kwan was hired to replace Jill Mercurio as Town Engineer and Public Works Director in July. His experience in road maintenance, garnered in several Bay Area cities, includes the use of the popular software called Street Saver. He has studied the work done by his predecessor to assess the state of each of the town's roads and project the most efficient actions to take, depending on the available budget, and design a plan to save Moraga's roads, whether or not Measure K passes.

"We will take an approach similar to El Cerrito that has been very successful in improving the state of its roads," said Kwan. "Using Street Saver we will find the most bang for

our buck, to increase the PCI (Pavement Condition Index) for the entire network of roads."

Street Saver was used to arrive at the \$24 million estimate to raise Moraga's roads from poor to good. If Measure K passes, with less money than this needed amount, Kwan is confident that he will be able to provide residents with significant improvement. "If it passes it will really help us with the backlog and that's really significant because if we do not do it now the streets will continue to deteriorate and the cost will triple within 10 years."

He detailed what he would do if the measure passes: "The first year will be focused on immediately tak-

ing on the repairs of the streets that need it the most to stop the decay," he said. "In parallel, we will do the field-work that will determine which complete remediation we can apply, depending on the specific condition of each section of road."

Kwan said he wants to make sure that the streets are done as fast as possible, and correctly the first time. He plans to spend the bond money within three or four years. "Bonding part of the money would give us a large sum up front that would maximize our impact," he said. He believes that this large influx could reduce the total envelop to fix the roads and reduce the amount needed annually.

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Moraga Candidates Night


Moraga Citizens Network (MCN) will host a forum October 4 at which the candidates for Moraga Town Council will present their programs and answer questions from the audience. Tim Farley, Director of Community and Government Relations at St. Mary's College, will moderate the event. There are five candidates for the three open seats on the Council.

"This event is one of a kind, where members of the audience can submit questions and we (MCN members) will be sorting and feeding them to Tim (Farley) - live - as the event goes on," says MCN board member Denise Duff. "Just real candidates with real answers."

Candidates Night is **Thursday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.** at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church, 1700 School Street. *S.Braccini*

Camino Ricardo Development

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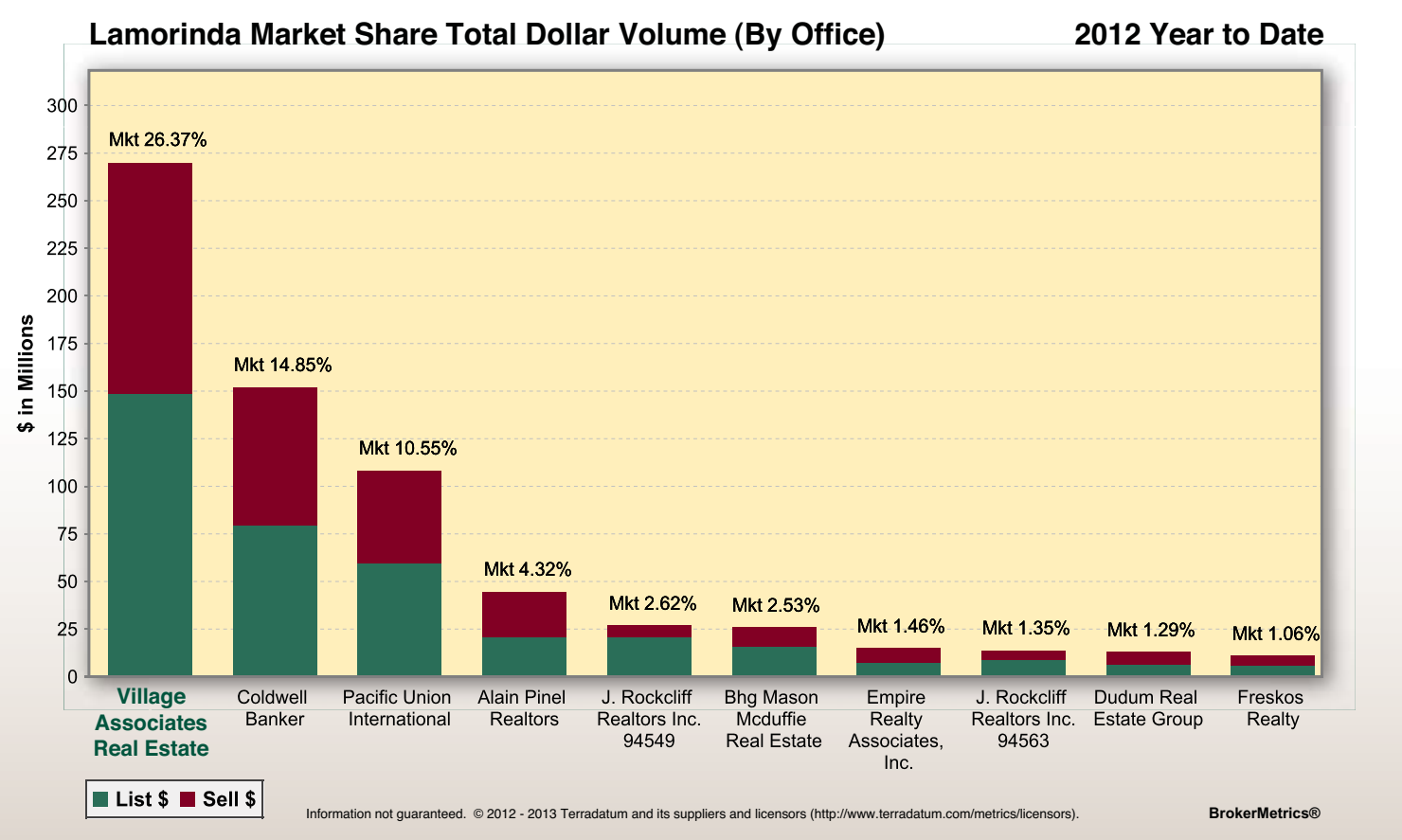
SummerHill Homes is proposing to build 28 homes on a lot off of Camino Ricardo, above Moraga Way. On September 19, the Town of Moraga held the first meeting of a roughly two-year process leading to the construction of the homes.

Doug Herring, a consultant working for the Town, made a pedagogical presentation of the process. According to California law, the environmental impact of a proposed development needs to be assessed and then certified by the Town in order for a developer to seek building permits.

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