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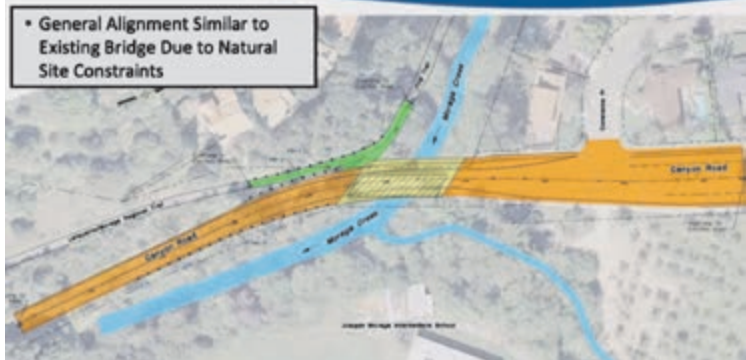
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## Plans Move Forward on Canyon Bridge Replacement

By Sophie Braccini

### Project Description

General Alignment Similar to Existing Bridge Due to Natural Site Constraints



The proposed new Canyon Bridge.

Graphic provided

Canyon Bridge is necessary to reach Pinehurst Road and the unincorporated Canyon area. The 1936 piece of infrastructure that crosses the large Moraga Creek (the

west branch of the San Leandro Creek) was found structurally deficient by the California Department of Transportation and eligible for replacement. ... continued on page A9

## MSD Looking for Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee

The Moraga School District board of trustees is establishing a Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee to review expenditures associated with the \$33 million school improvement bond measure which was approved by district voters on Nov. 8, 2016. The committee will be responsible for ensuring that bond revenues are used only as

voters intended and for informing the public of bond expenditures. For more information and an application, visit the MSD website www.moraga.k12.ca.us, click on Facilities and Bond Information. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 9 to the MSD office, 1540 School Street, Moraga.

## Onoda Voted in as Mayor After Trotter Resigns

By Sophie Braccini



Teresa Onoda and her horse Fargo. Photo A. Scheck

It is the first time in the history of Moraga that a mayor would have succeeded another one so rapidly: just a few weeks.

The accident that incapacitated Mayor Dave Trotter just after his election led to his resignation as mayor — but not as council member — and to the election of a “new” new-mayor. Teresa Onoda was chosen unanimously, while Roger Wykle took the vice mayor chair.

Onoda's election as mayor was not a surprise to her, as she was already the vice mayor and next in line to be mayor according to Moraga's nonwritten tradition.

The new mayor says that in spite of the rapid change of the timeline for her mayoralship she feels ready for the task.

“I study all of the issues, have kept track of our key committees over the past few years, and worked to build a strong working relationship with the town staff,” she said, “I also have developed my relationships with local and state elected officials, the leadership of Saint Mary's College and many different civic groups in our town.”

Onoda is by passion and profession a plein air painter who has been engaged in protecting open space for years and who was also very active in local schools as a parent. She joined the planning commission at the beginning of 2013 and was elected to the town council two years ago. She has a strong track record of being a hands-on type leader, working hard on issues, and going out and about to learn and engage residents.

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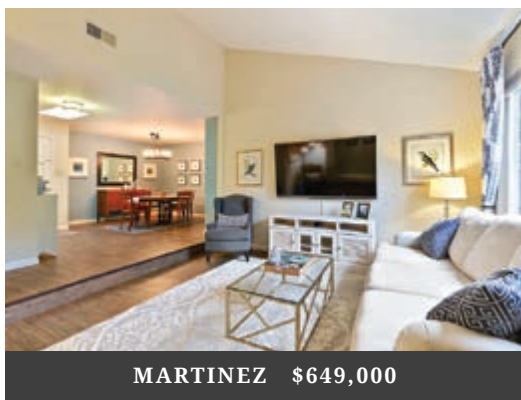
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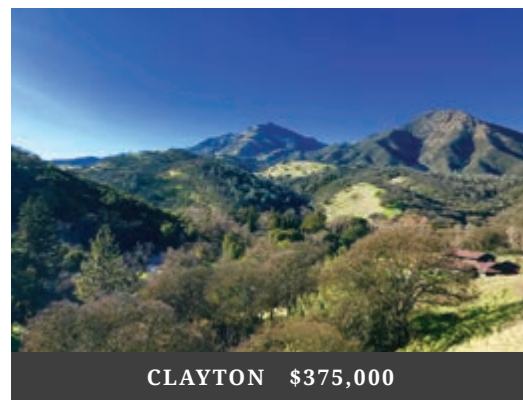
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