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Moraga stormwater fee ballot

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This sinkhole developed in March 2016 Photo provided

Approximately seven residents said that they would not support the fee because either they did not trust the proposition 218 process, or they thought that the process was being rushed when millions of dollars will be coming back to the town sooner or later, or that the town had been spending money for other projects, on consultants or legal fees when the resources should have been prioritized to maintain the town's assets.

Some residents disapproved of the fact that the fee would impact the Moraga schools, Campolindo High School and Saint Mary's College. These large entities will pay depending on the amount of impermeable surfaces that cause runoff, the most taxed entities being the commercial areas.


A representative of the largest property owner in the Rheem Shopping Center, U.S. Realty Partners, came to voice its support of the fee, saying that it is better to be proactive than reactive.

Moraga Chamber of Commerce president Bob Fritzky added that businesses had been negatively impacted by the col-

lapse of the culvert under Rheem Boulevard and that the chamber therefore supported funding a plan to prevent future infrastructure failure.


Other supporters of the fee said that repairs after something fails cost a lot more than prevention, that events like the sinkhole can disrupt not only businesses but also schools, and that unmaintained infrastructure can affect home values.

The town has a web page dedicated to the subject at www.moraga.ca.us/StormDrainFunding.



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