



MORAGA

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Town of Moraga and EBMUD in talks to avoid litigation

By Vera Kochan

During a Special Closed Session of the June 12 town council meeting, council members had authorized legal council to initiate litigation proceedings against East Bay Municipal Utility District, going so far as to commit \$100,000 to get the ball rolling. But after a Special Closed Session meeting on June 26 concerning an update to the litigation proceedings, Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpous announced, "The town and EBMUD have begun to engage in productive settle-

ment discussions that the parties would like to pursue further. The town will therefore be deferring filing suit against EBMUD at this time."

Moraga Mayor Roger Wykle had stated at the June 12 meeting that the litigation was "primarily due to the fact that continuous discussions with EBMUD have not been successful and they are not taking responsibility for the damages their landslide has caused to the old bridge, the temporary bridge and the increases in the design and construction costs of the new bridge."

Wykle stated that EBMUD's hands-off approach had jeopardized the town's progress in regards to receiving funding in order to begin design and construction of the new bridge.

Public Works Director Edric Kwan agreed, underscoring the town's frustration with EBMUD's landslide inaction. "The pedestrian walkway should have opened in May."

EBMUD Senior Public Information Representative Andrea Pook contended, "Records dating back to the 1970s show that EBMUD

warned the Town of Moraga that urban runoff caused by the then-planned development [Moraga Country Club] could significantly change the characteristics of the creek." She added, "The impacts of these flows and the resulting erosion were part of a study commissioned by the Town of Moraga in 1981, which showed that the creek has fundamentally changed due to storm events, and recommended that the town take measures to protect the creek banks."

Pook went on to explain that EBMUD is seeking emer-

gency funds through a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant to help repair the damages, but unfortunately the wait time for approval doesn't match up with Moraga's new Canyon Bridge construction schedule.

Pook acknowledged that EBMUD was disappointed that the town had authorized initiation of litigation concerning the 2016 and 2017 landslides adjacent to Moraga Creek but added, "EBMUD and the Town of Moraga have been, and are continuing to discuss an acceptable resolution to the problems caused by natural disasters."

Broken water main causes minor detour on Canyon Road

By Vera Kochan

Just when Moraga residents thought that the town's underground woes were a thing of the past, on Monday, June 24, the Moraga Police Department initiated a detour off of Canyon Road near Sanders Drive.

For several hours, between approximately noon and 7 p.m., a major water main had been broken at the intersection, creating minor flooding onto the town's street and necessitating a temporary road closure until repairs could be made.

According to Public Works Assistant Engineer Sharon Chan, "Verizon is in the process of installing fiber optic lines under an encroachment permit with the town." An encroachment permit is necessary when using any part of the road right-of-way. Chan added, Verizon's

contractor, ITC Service Group, "is responsible for coordinating and notifying utilities to mark the location of underground facilities through the Underground Service Alert (USA) service. The contractor damaged an underground East Bay Municipal Utility District water main resulting in the temporary closure."

ITC Service Group's website states that they provide "design, broadband, wireless and technical staffing services to telecom and information communication technology sectors within the communications industry."

When asked who is responsible for any damages the town may have incurred, Chan said, "It has not been determined yet who is responsible for the EBMUD damage, but since ITC Service Group has an encroachment permit with the Town, they will be responsible for the cost accrued by the Town."



Photo Vera Kochan

EBMUD patched intersection's ruptured water main caused by Verizon contractor

Town Council
 Wednesday, July 24, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission
 Monday, July 15, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Park and Recreation Commission
 Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

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