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Town approves Moraga Road Drainage Improvement Project

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Storm Drain Impact Fees.

In anticipation of a normal year of rainfall, Moraga's Public Works Department is attempting to stave off the Moraga Road flooding that occurs as a result of the runoff from the Painted Rock open space area. An approximately 500-foot length of the street near Rheem Boulevard experiences the runoff causing an inconvenience to drivers and cyclists.

The town council unanimously approved awarding a professional services agreement for engineering design services to CSG Consultants (Pleasanton, Calif.) in the amount of \$57,500, including a 15% contingency of \$7,500, during its Feb. 23 meeting. The Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes this project which will involve improving drainage on the east side of Moraga Road between Dolores Court and Hansen Court. The project is expected to take two years to complete with an estimated budget of \$303,500 coming from Fund 770

According to a staff report from Public Works Director/Town Engineer Shawn Knapp and Senior Civil Engineer Farah Khorashadi, "The desired engineered solution would contain the runoff and channel it to existing or new storm drain inlets without constructing improvements in Laguna Creek on the east side and possible seasonal wetlands (low areas of open space or shoulder) along the west side of Moraga Road, that are considered habitat for possible endangered species." By designing drainage improvements in the existing Moraga Road area the town will cut down on expenses.

The consultant's costs will include a Research and Data Review (collecting various reports and information); Site Investigation and Surveys (field investigations to assess existing conditions); Utility and Public Coordination (consult with various utility companies in the event that relocation of utility equipment is necessary); Plans, Specifications and Estimates (are due to the town for construction advertisement by July 2022); and Construction Support (assist the town during the construction bid process).

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