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Town attorney briefs council on pending lawsuits



Rheem sinkhole still awaits repairs.

Photo Vera Kochan

By Vera Kochan

To paraphrase Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz": Landslides and sinkholes and

lawsuits, oh my! During the regularly scheduled Moraga Town Council meeting on Aug. 28, Mayor Roger Wykle reported on a Special Closed Session

held prior to the meeting, stating, "We received a report from legal council. We gave direction on continuing negotiations with (the East Bay Municipal Utility District) concerning the Canyon Bridge landslides." Moraga pulled back the reins on litigation proceedings against EBMUD in June when both parties began to engage in productive settlement discussions.

Wykle added, "We also received a report from legal council and gave direction related to the safety concerns arising out of the sinkhole located on private property at the intersection of Rheem and Center Street."

The current Rheem sinkhole occurred during the last week of March. Since that time, it has undergone a video inspection and

sediment draining. The yellow cautionary tape surrounding the area has been replaced with chain link fencing.

In April, this paper reported that the town's concern at that time was any possible impacts on a storm drain system that runs underneath the intersection where a remaining approximately 500-foot, 96-inch in circumference, corrugated metal pipe carries water from Laguna Creek.

The sinkhole is located roughly 75 feet across the street from the 2016 sinkhole.

Moraga's Public Works Director Edric Kwan said at that time that the video inspection revealed the area was in bad shape and needed immediate attention.

PG&E along with EBMUD

also confirmed to the town that the damage did not involve their utilities.

In referring to the shopping center, Kwan then stated, "What happens next will affect a lot of people. Timing is truly of the essence. If that pipe were to collapse, it's a game changer."

Kwan stated in April that no one knew the cause of the failure and he was going to advise the property owner what steps need to be taken to rectify the situation.

Lamorinda Weekly reached out to town staff for clarification about the recent legal report and any additional safety concerns they might have, but staff said they were unable to comment further at this time.

Town hires new associate civil engineer

By Vera Kochan

Associate Civil Engineer Mark Summers began working for Moraga on July 29. Somewhat of a local, he was born in San Francisco and currently lives with his family in Walnut Creek.

According to Public Works Director Edric Kwan, "Mark will focus mainly on land development projects but will work on a diverse array of other assignments, including town capital and storm water related projects."

Summers earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from San Diego State University, a master's in civil engineering from San Jose State University and a

Project Management certificate from UC Berkeley Extension, which will all help him to get his feet wet with the new Los Encinos development, the Moraga Town Center Homes and the upcoming Storm Drain Operations and Maintenance Program.

Although Summers was happy in his last job, he admitted, "I've wanted to get into public sector work for a long time. Opportunities are usually pretty competitive." He came across Moraga's listing on CalOpps – a government jobs posting site. His prior experiences were with Walnut Creek's Aliquot, where he served as water resources manager and Australian-based GHD as a

transportation engineer.

Summers had initial concerns about his decision to quit a job that he enjoyed and was worried that the new experience wouldn't be comparable. His fears were soon laid to rest. "Moraga is a great place to work," he said. "Some public sectors are not committed to working hard, but in Moraga everyone is involved and they work together."

Summers was amazed at the level of projects happening around town, saying, "There's a lot of work for a small town. I was surprised at how much work that public works was doing."



New Associate Civil Engineer Mark Summers Photo Vera Kochan

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