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Moraga Orinda Fire District Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings of the MOFD Board of Directors are open to the public and take place on the third Wednesday of each month in the Board Room, Administration Building, 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga.

Next meeting:

Special meeting, 08/03/11, 7:00pm, to discuss options for administrative offices

Next regular MOFD Board meeting is August 17th,

7:00pm, Station 41 (1280 Moraga Way, Moraga), (go to www.mofd.org as the meeting date approaches for more information)



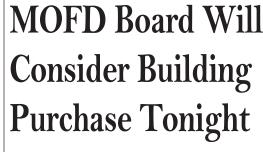
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According to a recent facilities re- longer be necessary. Bradley esport, Station 41 on Moraga Road timated the cost of purchasing is in need of upgrades with re- and renovating the structure to gards to size, seismic and gender range from \$1.7 million to more issues. Station 41 includes space than \$2.2 million. for some of the district's administrative activities, including the this issue was mixed. Several Board Room - Station 45 in members of the audience dis-Orinda currently houses the agreed with the idea of purchas-MOFD's formal headquarters.

for Station 41 that included retro- MOFD's unfunded liability. fitting the existing building and Those in favor saw it as a sound expanding the space to accommodate both firefighters and administration, combining or administrative offices in an offsite location by either leasing space or buying property. Cost estimates for the retrofit of Station 41 span a broad range from \$500,000 and up depending on the size and scope of the project.

At the July meeting, Fire Chief Randy Bradley presented his concept for purchasing an ex-Way. Bradley said he saw this as office because of its central location, adaptability to fire services

Public comment regarding ing a building and suggested The report contained options those funds could be put toward investment.

The Board was equally divided. Dick Olsen voiced concerns about earthquake safety and possible mold resulting from the water used to extinguish a relatively recent fire. He would also like to have an outside consultant review the purchase documents.

Brook Mancinelli spoke about 'cost creep,' where prices are beginning to move up and how that could change the overall cost. He isting building at 1150 Moraga went on to directly state that he does not support the purchase of a cost effective option that would the building. The other three have long-term benefits, stating Board members, while not as he believed it would serve the adamant as Mancinelli, agreed District well as an administrative that more discussions were necessary.

Tonight's meeting will be held needs, and improved efficiency as in the MOFD Board Room, 1230 duplicative services would no Moraga Way, at 7:00 p.m.

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MOFD Moves Forward with Facilities Upgrade

Receives information about new citizens task force

By Lucy Amaral

March 16 report from that it will take two years to com-MOFD's ad-hoc facilities committee found the 60-year-old Station 43, on Via Las Cruces, new station, one of the first orders needed seismic upgrades, has an of business, according to Harris apparatus bay too small for current emergency vehicles, and temporary station to ensure conlacks adequate space for person-tinuity of service. nel and equipment. The Board opted to replace the station and at comment session Vince Maioits July 20 meeting approved the rana, of Orinda, informed the hiring of Harris & Associates to Board that residents have formed serve as Project Manager.

Chief Randy Bradley said he received nine proposals and interviewed five firms before selecting was formed to better understand Harris & Associates. As project where they stand with this elemanager, Harris & Associate will ment of city services. He added manage the design and construction of the fire station.

is estimated to be \$3 million, with of MOFD would be shared with funding coming from the Special the MOFD Board of Directors. Revenue fund, and it is estimated

plete the project.

In addition to designing the & Associates, will be to set up a

During this meeting's public an independent task force called In his staff report, MOFD Fire Orinda Citizens Emergency Services Task Force. In his statement, Maiorana said that this task force that any conclusions obtained from their research that causes a The cost to replace the station concern regarding the operation

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