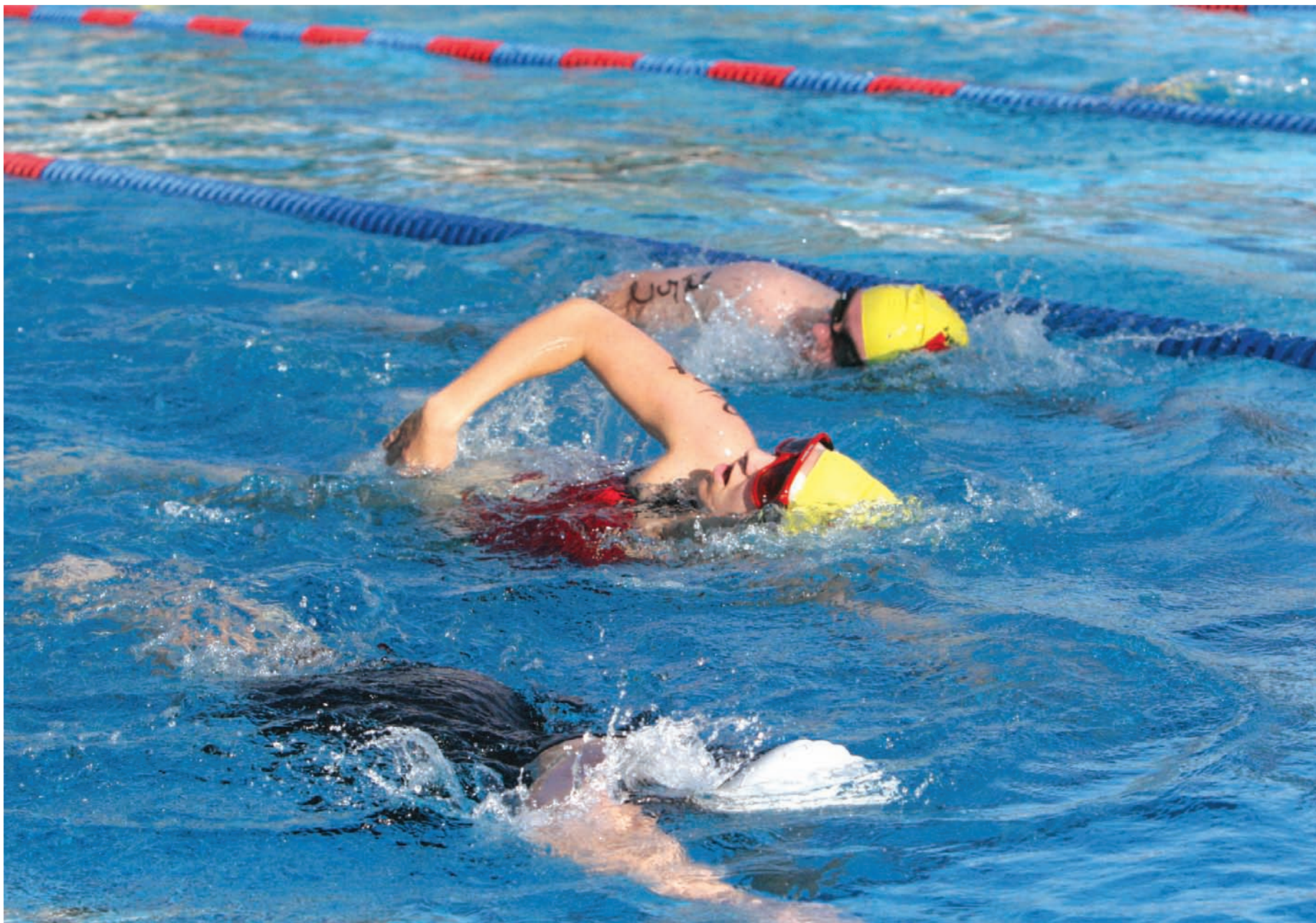


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The triathlon started with a 400M swim

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Great things come in threes: Cary Grant, Gene Kelly, and Audrey Hepburn, The Three Stooges, or Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga. In the sports world, the "Threes" principle comes in the form of the triathlon. Under last Saturday's blue skies, triathletes from around the area came out for the debut of the Moraga Treeline Triathlon. With participants of all ages, the triathlon exuded enthusiasm and determination. Although temperatures were in the 80's, these triathletes demonstrated immense fitness levels, with almost all of them completing the full course. The triathlon began at 6 a.m., when participants checked-in at Campolindo High School, where the event began and ended. Event officials estimated that a little over 270 triathletes registered-- an astounding number for a first-time event.

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First Annual Moraga Triathlon

By Jaime Zepeda

Slow Down Lamorinda

By Steve Angelides and Lee Borrowman

In the aftermath of three speed-related deaths in Lamorinda in recent months, the Mayors, City Managers, and Police Chiefs of the three Lamorinda communities met over lunch on Friday April 13th and decided they had to do something. So they came up with a campaign to crack down on speeders in Lamorinda, which they are calling "Slow Down Lamorinda."

For each of the next 12 weeks, in each of the Lamorinda communities, police officers from the three jurisdictions, assisted at times by California Highway Patrol officers, will target certain streets for zero-tolerance speed enforcement. The locations of the crackdown will be well publicized in advance each week through the media, schools, and community organizations to draw attention to the goal of the campaign—to get Lamorinda drivers to slow down.

When Moraga Mayor Metcalf reported on the campaign to the Moraga Town Council last week, he said the enforcement would be "saturation, with lots of cops." He explained that officers from all of the jurisdictions would be working together at the same location, and that any of them could issue tickets to violators.

Traffic enforcement campaigns may not be inherently popular, but Moraga Police Chief

Mark Ruppenthal drew a round of applause when he unveiled the campaign to the Chamber of Commerce of Moraga last week, and Lamorinda officials held a public kickoff of the campaign at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road, which has been dubbed the worst intersection in Lamorinda.

Since the recent deaths, residents in Lafayette and Moraga have been begging officials to take action.

Following the fatal accident near Acalanes High School in March, Lafayette residents came out for a "slow down" campaign during the morning rush. An advisory committee composed of local residents and city officials was formed to develop a plan to reduce speeds along that corridor. When new Police Chief Mike Hubbard helped present the plan at a meeting on April 11, he told a large crowd that addressing the speeding problem

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"Slow Down Lamorinda" is a Traffic enforcement campaign of Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda.

required a three-prong approach: "Education, enforcement and engineering."

Last year Lafayette residents narrowly failed to pass ballot Measure P, a parcel tax which would have provided additional police funding. According to City Manager Steve Falk, speaking at a meeting several weeks ago,

the city conducted an informal exit poll which indicated that the number one reason voters did not support the measure was because "they did not want to get more tickets." Since then Lafayette has taken a leading role in developing local traffic calming methods.

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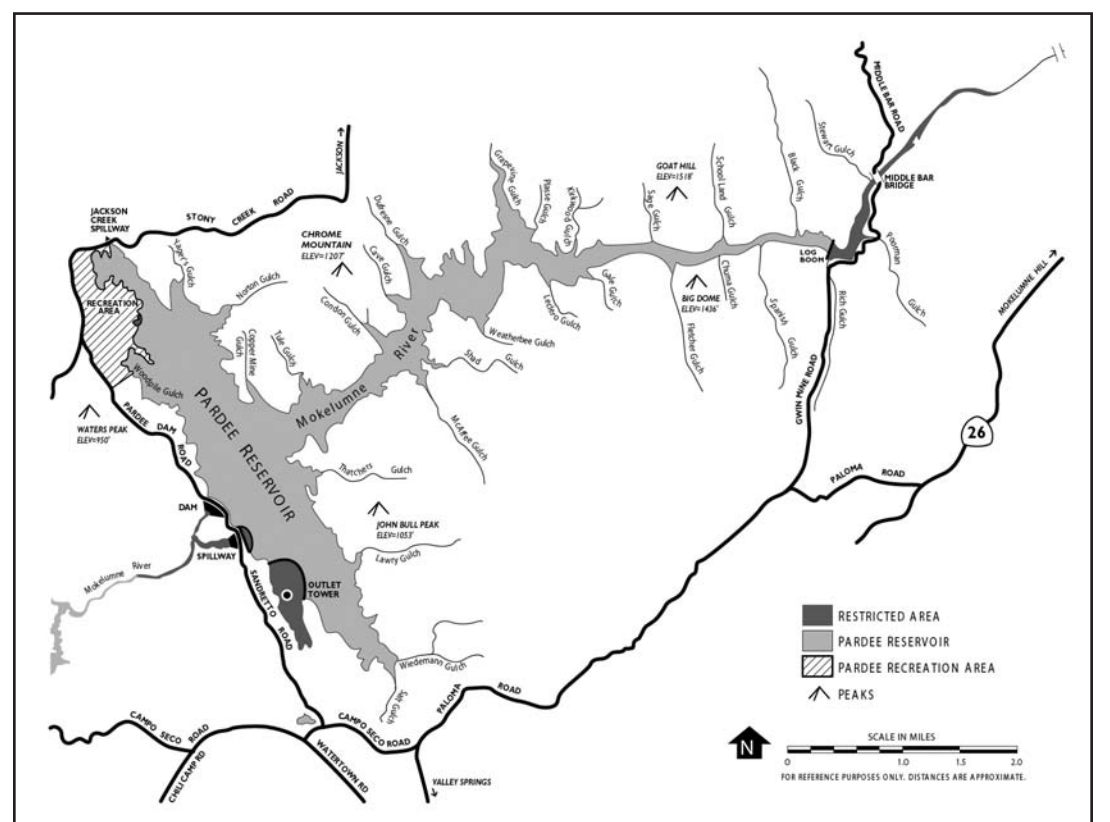
Our situation today

Every year in April, the East Bay Municipal Utility District estimates its reserves until the end of the "water year" (end of September). This winter has been the driest since 1988 and the projected level in our reservoirs falls below 500 Thousand of Acre-Feet (TAC): 80% of their capacity. The first part of EBMUD's drought plan has been activated, and on April 24th the Agency released a statement urging for voluntary water conservation. The biggest area of water consumption is outdoor use. Users are urged to water their lawns only 3 times a week (not consecutively) at night or very early morning, and to check for leaks. Large irrigators, such as golf courses and parks, are asked to reduce their usage by 25%.

Where does our water come from?

In 1923 EBMUD was formed by voters weary of an inadequate water supply; the fresh water creeks in our area were no longer providing enough water. The utility company set its sights on the Sierra, diverting water from the Mokelumne River and the Pardee Dam. Today, the water from the Mokelumne pipeline feeds EBMUD's water treatment plants and is piped to our homes and businesses. The Sierra water, along with run-offs, feeds the Briones, San Leandro, and Upper San Leandro dams that store a 6 months emergency supply. The Lafayette and Chabot reservoirs are primarily recreational.

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The Pardee Reservoir is about 80 miles east of Lamorinda

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