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## Camino Pablo Field's Restoration Design

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The Moraga Town Council authorized staff to enter into an agreement with Callander Associates, of San Mateo, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$65,000 for the design of the Camino Pablo Elementary School Field Renovation Project. This project will cost the Town approximately \$730,000, and utilizes East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Measure WW funds.

Jill Mercurio, Moraga's Public Works Director/Town Engineer, indicated that the selected design firm came to the interview with very good ideas, and had obviously studied the existing topography. Like other bidders, they have experience in the type of public work they will provide in Moraga.

The Town worked with the School District to select a design. Bruce Burns, the Superintendent of the Moraga School District, expressed his satisfaction with the collaborative process at a December 10th meeting.

Successfully restoring a field that belongs to the School District with Town money demonstrates significant improvement in the relationship between Moraga's two main public agencies. Both the Town and the school district suffer from budget reductions and these financial tensions have translated in the past to lengthy disputes over who should pay, and how much, for the cost of maintaining school district facilities such as gyms and sports fields that are used for community sports and events.

The design should be completed in early 2011; the bidding for the actual work will happen this spring; and construction should proceed over the summer.

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