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Moraga Town Council Tonight: Hillsides, Ridgelines, Pipes

The Moraga Town Council has a full agenda tonight, Sept. 25, which includes a perennial hot topic: a study session on potential areas of revision to regulations governing developments on ridgelines and hillsides. This discussion is an early step in a process that could eventually lead to revisions to the town's Municipal Code, which could have profound consequences on future development in Moraga. It may also include the topic of a moratorium on already-approved projects such as the Hetfield and Rancho Laguna developments. No regulations will change Sept. 25. If the Town Council decides to review the rules, it is likely that the next step will be a series of Planning Commission work sessions.

The Town Council will also discuss the repair of a failed storm drain located in both Moraga and Lafayette. After months of research to figure out which easements belonged to whom, the two cities came up with a repair plan and an agreement to split the cost. Edric Kwan, public works director, believes that this issue is reflective of an infrastructure that is in dire need of maintenance, which is why he is conducting a pipe study. "Roads are just the upper layer of the problem," he says. "I'm afraid of what we're going to find underneath." S.Braccini

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