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## Latest Rheem sinkhole update

By Vera Kochan

The current Rheem Boulevard/Center Street land movement which occurred during the last week of March, on private property, has undergone a video inspection. The town's concern was any possible impacts on a storm drain system that runs underneath the intersection where a remaining approximately 500-foot, 96-inch in circumference, cor-



Cordoned off area of sinkhole

Photos Vera Kochan

## Small cell wireless facilities – the future is coming to Moraga

By Vera Kochan

The term 5G (5th Generation) is the latest term for the next generation of cellular mobile communication. It targets high data rate, reduced latency, energy savings, cost reductions, higher system capacity and massive device connectivity.

During the April 10 Moraga Town Council meeting, Planning Director Derek Farmer gave a presentation regarding the Small Cell Wireless Facilities Ordinance in compliance with the Carr Order adopted in September 2018 by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Carr Order preempts a city's control over permitting small cell facilities by requiring cities and towns to allow its own facilities, such as street lights and traffic signals, to be used by wireless carriers to attach their new 5G antennas. The only aspect of control a

town has over these antennas is for aesthetic purposes.

The town will implement strict aesthetic standards: antennas and other equipment must be concealed with materials resembling the supporting structure; all cables must be concealed; all other equipment must be located in underground vaults when feasible; all venting for underground equipment must be concealed; above-ground equipment must be covered with landscaping and any paving/landscaping disturbed by installation of a facility must be repaired or replaced.

Farmer stated, "The rollout of this technology is not even hitting bigger cities at this point. This is a new emerging technology and the way the Carr Order reads is that this is designed to address this sort of emerging technology."

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rugated metal pipe carries water from Laguna Creek.

The surface damage is roughly 10 feet long by 3 feet wide, while the actual hole stands at 5 feet by 2 feet and is located roughly 75-feet across the street from the 2016 sinkhole.

Moraga's Public Works Director Edric Kwan said the

video inspection revealed the area is in bad shape and needs immediate attention.

However, PG&E along with the East Bay Municipal Utility District confirmed to the town that the damage did not involve their utilities. In referring to the shopping center, Kwan 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 admitted that no one knows the cause of the failure at this point. However, along with experts, he will advise the property owner what steps need to be taken to rectify the situation.



Sinkhole damage



## Moraga town council declines to donate towards Painted Rock fund; JMLT not giving up hope

By Vera Kochan

John Muir Land Trust has been working to raise funds to acquire the 84-acre property known as Painted Rock, named so because of the decades-old tradition of painting the huge rock that faces down onto the Rheem Shopping Center. JMLT Executive Director Linus Eukel addressed the Moraga Town Council on March 27, and as of the April 10 town

council meeting, JMLT had raised \$1.7 million of its \$2 million goal. JMLT was looking to raise an additional \$100,000 by May 1 to secure a \$350,000 matching grant. The final deadline for the \$2 million is May 31.

JMLT turned to the town council, requesting the town make a donation to assist in acquiring Painted Rock as open space in perpetuity, according to the staff report. Future visions

for the property are to preserve the open space for multi-use trails, ponds, streams, grasslands and wildlife.

The council received an outpouring of support for funding of the Painted Rock property through 40 letters submitted from the community, with many residents staying at the meeting until nearly midnight to voice their support. While all members of the town council ex-

pressed their support of the acquisition during the April 10 meeting, the donation was declined by a vote of 3-2 (Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus, Council Members Renata Sos and Steve Woehleke voting no; Mayor Roger Wykle and Council Member Mike McCluer voting yes).

Korpus, Sos and Woehleke emphasized the financial challenges and hardships that

Moraga has recently faced and could potentially face in the near future as the town's infrastructure continues to be in need of maintenance and repair.

Wykle and McCluer challenged that funds received from the Palos Colorados development could be used because of a partial compensation for the deletion of the golf course. ... continued on Page A12



**Town Council**  
Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

**Planning Commission**  
Monday, May 6, 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

**Park and Recreation Commission**  
Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

**Moraga School District Board Meetings**  
Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.  
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium, 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga  
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