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Moraga Town council members have emergency alternates in place

By Vera Kochan

It is something one hopes will never happen, but in case of town emergencies, such as the recent Oct. 10 Merrill Fire, Moraga already has emergency council member alternates in place. Case in point, Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus' home was in the path of that fire, but thankfully her home, along with the others in the area, was saved.

The ability to have a pre-designated alternate available to step into emergency-caused vacancies and provide continuity of government is vital to the function of a community.

According to a staff report by Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg and Town Clerk Marty McInturf, "The California Emergency Services Act pro-

vides for the preservation of local government in the event of a state of war emergency, state emergency or a local emergency by allowing the town council to appoint a succession of standby officers in order to preserve law and order and, so far as possible, continue or restore government services."

Each town council member and the town manager is allowed to designate three alternates each to assume their vacant position. Those designated alternates are listed in a descending order of succession by numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Moraga Mayor Roger Wykle's standby officers are: 1) Julie Wykle, 2) Suzanne Jones, 3) Kathy Macchi.

Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus' standby officers are: 1) Roberta Thomas, 2) Stephen

Huxley, 3) Todd Korpus.

Council Member Renata Sos' standby officers are: 1) Keller Strother, 2) Sonja Schoenwald, 3) Judy Miles.

Council Member Steve Woehleke's standby officers are: 1) Karl Davis, 2) Karen Mendonca, 3) David Stromberg.

Council Member Mike McCluer's standby officers are: 1) Teresa Onoda, 2) Sam Sperry, 3) Bill Vaughn.

Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg's standby officers are: 1) Chief of Police, 2) Director of Parks and Recreation, 3) Director of Public Works.

Should the need arise, the town clerk is directed to administer the oath of office to the standby officers, who would serve for the term of the elected official at the pleasure of the town council.



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Continuing saga of Rheem sinkhole

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Also mentioned, even though there is a fence surrounding the sinkhole, the outlying area of unstable ground has yet to be identified.

Another potential hazard that the town points out is that the current condition of the

CMP is an "obstruction of the stormwater conveyance system," noting that "there are voids in the corrugated metal of the Stormwater Pipe. These voids not only impede the flow of water through the conveyance system but also allow water to flow out of the Stormwater Pipe and disperse


into the surrounding soil causing further deterioration of the corrugated metal," a concern with the rainy season fast approaching.

A Special Town Council Meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30 regarding the property owner's Appeal Hearing.












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