

240 MORAGA RESIDENTS ATTEND SPECIFIC PLAN MEETING

By 7:30 PM on March 15th the Soda Center at St Marys was filled with people, and there was a buzz of excitement in the air. Moragans had come together to plan their future. The Town Manager and the Town consultant gave the facts about Moraga. The rest of the evening was spent in small groups, writing on flip charts and then reporting out what the community wanted for their town.

SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR IDEAS WERE

Second grocery store

Family restaurant with things to do for kids

Town Center with gym and meeting rooms to meet the needs of young and old alike

Open Space

Boutique hotel with bakery, spa and wine tasting room surrounded by vineyards

Senior housing so the empty nesters can stay in Moraga but move to smaller homes or condos

Workforce housing for police, teachers and other people who work in Moraga

Student housing for St Mary's students

Shuttle service to Moraga centers for St Mary's students

Evening entertainment that stays open at least until midnight on weekends, bar, bowling alley, pool hall

A bike/walking path next to the meandering creek integrated into what is being referred to as "The Village"

Shoe repair, bookstore, wine bar,

This was a sample of the ideas given. We all want the above list, but we have to figure out how we are going to pay for it. **Fact, 3/4 of retail revenue goes out of Moraga.** Some of that is not recoverable, but some definitely is. We as a town must begin to think what are we willing to do to have the above list become a reality.

If you are interested in creating a more environmentally sustainable Moraga attend the:

Sustainable Moraga Meeting Tuesday, March 21 7:30 PM Moraga Library

Have you seen the battery recycle buckets at Safeway and other stores at the Shopping Centers? In the first five weeks of the

recycle program Sustainable Moraga has collected over 800 lbs. of batteries to recycle This is much more than anyone expected. If you have the time or interest, join Sustainable Moraga and help with this worthwhile effort.