

Dear Neighbors,

I am the Community Affairs Representative for the Moraga area. I am reaching out regarding the natural landslide along the Lafayette Moraga Trail and Moraga Creek in the Moraga Country Club area and want you to be aware that I am available to be the point of contact for both residents and interested parties.

Current situation: An earlier slide was first noticed in January and was limited to the trail area near Moraga Creek at Canyon Road. The trail area was covered in plastic and in coordination with EBRPD the trail was closed. EBMUD hired a specialist to assess the area and no other action was warranted at that time. Additional studies were recommended and EBMUD had started that process.

Last week a second natural slide occurred that impacted the private property adjacent to EBMUD property. EBMUD covered the secondary slide area with plastic to protect the area and to prevent more rain from getting into the soil. The ground is too unstable for any other action at this time. EBMUD contacted the HOA and they were gracious enough to send out notifications to all members.

The Town of Moraga is the lead agency for determining the safety of homes or private property. Two homeowners hired a private engineer that advised them to evacuate which they did. If you are concerned about your home you can contact the Town of Moraga or hire your own specialist. The Contact in Moraga is 925 888-7040.

EBMUD is working to keep the area safe and will continue to monitor the slide and creek flows and protect the area with tarps. EBMUD is working with environmental and geotechnical experts on next steps. To reduce the weight and for public safety, EBMUD will be trimming branches off the trees on the slope. We strongly encourage everyone to respect the trail closure signs and stay away from the unstable area.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me. Michelle Blackwell, Community Affairs, EBMUD, (510) 287 2053, mblackwe@ebmud.com

For after-hours contacts call (866) 403-2683 and EBMUD dispatch will connect you with the standby contact. If there is an emergency, please contact 911.

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