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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Fire Hydrant Maintenance, Morro Bay**

MORRO BAY, Calif., August 1, 2014 –

The Morro Bay Fire Department will be conducting hydrant maintenance that will occur between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The City's hydrant maintenance should be completed in the next 30 days.

This routine testing and maintenance program, occurs every year, usually involves flushing water through fire hydrants throughout the water system at high pressure. With all of California in a severe drought, no water flow tests will be performed this year.

Morro Bay's Fire Chief Steven Knuckles stated, "Fire hydrant testing and maintenance also helps to ensure that your firefighters are knowledgeable about the general water volumes available for firefighting operations and whether there are any major flow changes since last year's test. Hydrant maintenance is critical to fire suppression and the protection of life, environment and property". California Statutes require that hydrants be inspected and tested and the Insurance Service Office (ISO) is the body that sets property insurance rates based on a fire safety rating. An efficient hydrant system reduces insurance rates for home owners and businesses. The city's current ISO rating is a four on a scale of one to ten, one being the highest rating.

Locations of daily hydrant testing can be found on our City's website, www.morro-bay.ca.us, under The News Flash heading on the home page. The City of Morro Bay provides water to the citizens and visitors of Morro Bay which includes 490 fire hydrants with 3.9 million gallons of water storage. Our firefighters will be wearing reflective safety vests but please be careful driving near them.

[About the Morro Bay Fire Department](#)

The Morro Bay Fire Department is a multi-hazard emergency response agency protecting life, the environment and property from the effects of fire, hazardous materials, medical and other life safety emergencies. The department provides firefighter/paramedic coverage to the City of Morro Bay with personnel on duty 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

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