



November 19, 2018

With the Thanksgiving holiday just around the corner, it's a great time for each of us to reflect upon what is good in the world and what we have to be thankful for. On a personal level, I am thankful to the City leadership, staff and community that have welcomed me with open arms as the new City Manager. I've been with Morro Bay for a year now and consider myself lucky to be a part of this wonderful organization and community.

I am also very thankful that Jody Cox is our new Police Chief, with his official swearing in today. He joined the Morro Bay team in 2012 and has over 30 years of law enforcement experience. His experience, professionalism, integrity, commitment to his staff, and connection to the community will make him a great leader of the Police Department.

Lastly, I am thankful for this community's immense generosity. Through a broad network of volunteers, local businesses, and non-profit organizations, a Thanksgiving dinner is prepared for any and all members in the community. This event kicks off at 1:00pm in the Morro Bay Community Center on November 22. Meals can also be ordered to go. Please share the invite within this document to all members of the community.

In this update, you can learn about the efforts to improve our streets, get information on the upcoming LA Clippers basketball clinic for kids, and mark your calendars for fun winter holiday events planned for late November through December. Have a wonderful week! Feel free to share your thoughts with me by email at scollins@morrobayca.gov or phone at 805-772-6206.

Thanks!

Scott Collins
City Manager

Police

Jody Cox Sworn in as New Morro Bay Police Chief

This Monday, November 19, 2018, we were very honored and excited to swear in Chief Cox as the new Police Chief. Chief Cox came to Morro Bay in December 2012 from Tulare County Sheriff's Department. He began his career in Law Enforcement in 1988 working up the ranks where he became a Sergeant with Tulare County Sheriff's Department in 2000. He remained a Sergeant with them until 2012 when he made the lateral move as Sergeant in the Morro Bay Police Department. In October 2016, Cox was promoted to Commander and has served as Acting Chief twice during that time. At the end of October 2018, he was appointed Chief of Morro Bay Police Department. His staff is honored to serve under his direction and looks forward to the future of this department.

Lock Your Car Doors

On Friday, November 9, 2018, Morro Bay police officers arrested two individuals that had been combing the streets of North Morro Bay and going through unlocked vehicles. When officers made contact and arrested the individuals, they were in possession of stolen items as well as narcotics and paraphernalia. This is a good reminder to lock your cars.

Officer Lomeli Recognized

On Thursday, November 15, 2018, Officer Lomeli was given the National Footprint Association Distinguished Service Award. Officer Lomeli has 18 years of experience of a patrol officer, detective, senior officer, field training officer, and School Resource Officer. She is the current liaison to the homeless community, representative of the Morro Bay Peace Officers' Association, serves as the advisor to our Explorer post, and continues to work with our local youth and department in community outreach events. She is very deserving of this reward and thanks from our community and staff.



Countywide Program to Keep Kids Safe at Schools - RAVE

On Tuesday November 13, 2018, Chief Cox joined San Luis Obispo Sheriff, Ian Parkinson and our partner agencies in a press release regarding the new "RAVE" Panic Button Smart Phone App. The app, which has been implemented at all of the schools around San Luis Obispo County, is designed to immediately alert law enforcement of an active shooter incident on a school campus. The app provides every school employee the ability to immediately connect to the 911 Dispatch Center for their school and at the same time send a message to the other employees on campus of the incident. Using Department of Homeland Security grants, the Sheriff's Office has been able to buy 3,200 licenses to supply every school employee at most schools in the County. If there is an active shooter situation at a school, all the school employee has to do is press a big red button on the app. Not only does it immediately connect them to the 911 Dispatch Center, it also has a GPS function which allows law enforcement to pinpoint the exact location of the incident on campus.



Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner, Free to All – November 22, Morro Bay Community Center



MORRO BAY COMMUNITY
**THANKSGIVING
DINNER** 2018
NOVEMBER 22
THANKSGIVING DAY
1-3 PM FREE!
EVERYONE WELCOME!
MORRO BAY COMMUNITY CENTER
1001 KENNEDY WAY
Donations gratefully accepted!
MUSIC BY JOHN & MARY ELLEN NOWEL

CALL MORRO BAY SENIORS 805 772- 4421
TO VOLUNTEER OR TO **ORDER MEALS TO GO**
DELIVERED BY THE MORRO BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION, GUERRILLA GARDENING CLUB, TOP DOG COFFEE, ST. PETER'S BY THE SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
ESTERO BAY METHODIST CHURCH, LOCAL GIRL AND BOY SCOUTS, ALBERTSONS,
SUNSHINE HEALTH FOODS, MI CASA RESTAURANT, and YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Fire

Mutual Aid Response around the State

The Morro Bay Fire Department united with local Fire agencies are assisting with the fire suppression activities on wildland fires around the state. The Hill Fire in Santa Rosa Valley was the first stop for this local Strike Team engaged in fire suppression activities. Then the strike team was dispatched to the Woolsey Fire in communities from Oak Park, Calabasas to Malibu for structure protection. The Woolsey Fire has had 3 confirmed fatalities, burned over 98,362 Acres and has destroyed 616 structures. Morro Bay personnel are also assisting with the Camp Fire in the Feather River Canyon in Northern California. The Camp Fire has had 63 confirmed fatalities, burned over 142,000 Acres with 11,862 structures destroyed making this fire the deadliest in California history.



Hazard Fuel Reduction on Cerritos peak

While personnel from Morro Bay Fire Department are assisting other agencies around the State with wildfire suppression, the fire crews at home are reducing Hazard Fuels on Cerrito Peak in the City of Morro Bay. This will greatly reduce dead, downed and diseased fuels in the wildland-

urban interface, decrease potential for wildfires, and enhance the health of the native plant communities.



Public Works

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Pavement Preservation Project

At their last meeting, the City Council approved a contract amendment with Pavement Coatings in the amount of \$701,259.44, as an additional option period to the Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. The City funds its annual Pavement Preservation work largely through local tax measure (Measure Q) and State funding (Senate Bill 1, which was preserved with the failure of Proposition 6). This current project amendment entails furnishing and supplying labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, and services necessary to complete the subject project, and includes treatment of existing pavement with slurry and sealing, chip/cape sealing, and micro/macro-surfacing of 5 centerline miles of road work or approximately 10-percent of the City's streets.

On 15 November, the contractor started work with removal on pavement parking and the first application (Type 3- Microsurfacing) of the coating to those streets that will receive three layers. The contractor will return the Thursday after Thanksgiving and the following week to complete the sealing portion of the project. The striping subcontractor will then follow to restore pavement marking. Special thanks to Public Works' Consolidated Maintenance Team for their advance work on the streets prior to the coating work.

Pavement work is weather dependent, so keep an eye out for updates on the City's website, Facebook and Nextdoor.



The Goats are Back at the Cloisters!



Utility Division Update

The Wastewater Treatment Plant's annual ocean outfall inspection was conducted last week showing many signs of healthy aquatic life around the discharge area.



This year's planned annual State Water shutdown began on November 2 and is scheduled to resume providing Morro Bay water on November 19. During the State Water shutdown, the city's water supply is provided by City wells treated through a reverse osmosis (RO) process to remove excess nitrates.



Utilities Division Manager, Joe Mueller, graduated from the 2018 Water Environment Federation Water Leadership Institute. Paul Valley, Water System Operator I obtained his State Grade II Water Distribution Certification.



City operators performed flushing of the water distribution system end of lines. Routinely the lower usage end of the system lines require flushing to maintain the quality of the water delivered.



Harbor

OSCAR Funding

The Harbor Department received a grant from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program for OIL SPILL CONTAINMENT AND RESPONSE (OSCAR). The goal of OSCAR was to provide a reliable and adequate supply of oil containment boom, oil absorbent socks and pads contained in a kit for our 24 leaseholders on the water with boating facilities. Having the equipment on hand will allow the marina operator to begin mitigating pollution events as they happen by providing the materials necessary to stabilize and contain oil and fuel spills in a quick and professional manner while emergency responders are in route. All the kits were distributed with instructions for use and will have correspondence for future needs.



Impeccable Weather for Ocean Fun

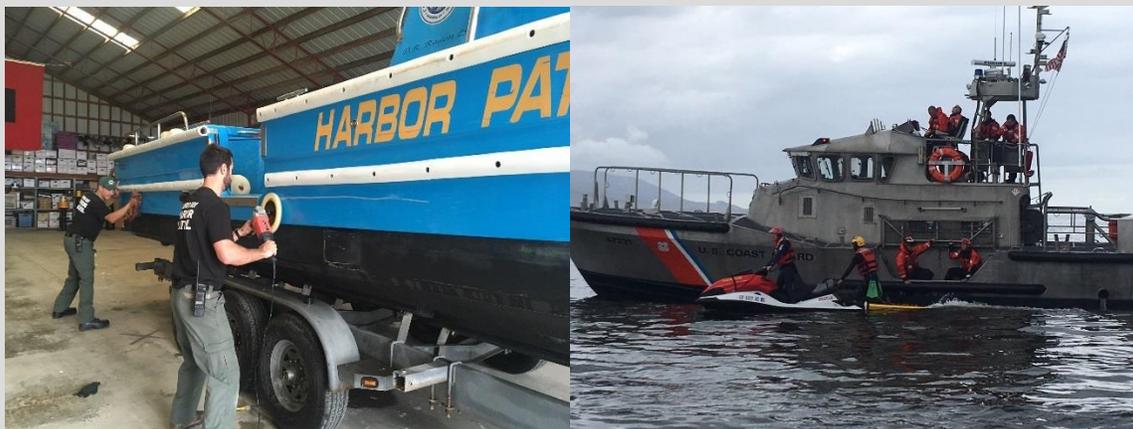
Estero Bay has had some incredible ocean conditions the last couple weeks for all mariners' enjoyment. The fishing has been abundant with water temperatures raising up to the mid 60's with celebrity fish like Blue Fin Tuna being caught within five miles of the harbor. Commercial and recreational Dungeness crab season has opened, squid and whales have been abundant, and the visibility has been 15 to 17 feet. The Western Surfing Association (WSA) held a 2-day

contest here last weekend and is the oldest competition surfing association in the USA and, by far, the largest on the West Coast. The WSA, established in 1961, is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting and preserving the sport of surfing through fun, family-oriented surf competitions.



Harbor Rescue Boat Maintenance

The Harbor Department's primary rescue boat 3864 went through a complete maintenance cycle and was out of the water for over a month. The outdrives (basically the propeller drive systems) were completely overhauled by the manufacturer, and the fire-fighting system was given a once-over. She's all back in service now and ready for the winter. The Harbor Patrol has also been conducting advanced Rescue Water Craft training with the Coast Guard and K38 Water Rescue, a private training organization specializing in jet ski surf and swift water rescue training for local agencies.



Recreation Services

Recreation Classes

Recreation Services continues to offer a variety of classes for youth and adults ranging from Karate and Tennis lessons to Quilting and are looking at adding more classes particularly for young children and seniors.

Special Events – Tis the Season!

On November 30, 2018 the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at City Park. The festivities will begin at 3:30 pm and will include musical performances, pinatas,

Mexican hot chocolate, hot apple cider, tamales, cookies and a visit from Santa Claus as well as the lighting of the City Park tree!

On December 15, come join us for our newest event – Breakfast with Santa – at the Morro Bay Community Center. This event is from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and will include a pancake breakfast, crafts and of course, Santa. Preregister to receive a discount at the Morro Bay Recreation Services office or online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/morrobay>.



Facilities

This month, we hosted the 7th Annual Soupabration put on by the Pacific Wildlife Care. They had 21 Vendors and over 200 guest sampling soups from all over the Central Coast. They have used our facility the past 7 years and have already requested a date for next year.

Outdoor events are big right now. We had Avocado Margarita Festival, Harbor Festival, three surf contests by three different groups, and our annual Morro Bay Triathlon. Moving into December we will be closing the MB Community Center for two weeks to do general maintenance on the facility.

Seniors

The Senior Center in the Fall has been a popular place to be. Cuesta Emeritus classes are in full swing and along with our other activities we see more than 200 attendees moving through the Center every week. The classes have become so popular that we are continuing to add to the lineup which is already the largest in the County. This semester we added a Drawing Class as well as a Write your Life Story course.

The SLO Rovers program has been rejuvenated and had a successful, sold out trip to the Follies presentation at the Fremont theater. Later this month they will be visiting the Cambria Lights and that trip has already sold out with a long waiting list! In December, the group will be travelling down to the Reagan Library for the day.

The picture is of the new Cuesta College Emeritus Drawing Class just offered this month



Aquatics Programs

We are now on our 2018 Fall Schedule at the pool. The aquatics flyer and pool closure information are always updated on the City website: [Aquatic Program Link and Upcoming Pool Closures](#). The pool will be closed November 22, 23, and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Also, on December 2, come join us at the pool for our Season of Hope Recreational Swim from 1-4 pm. We will be collecting nonperishable food (\$1 off swim fee) and new, unwrapped toys (\$10 or greater value for a free swim). Rumor has it that Santa Claus will be joining us at the pool!

Sports

Estero Bay Youth Soccer league concluded on November 10 with an End of Season Tournament for the under 10, 12 and 14 teams. Morro Bay hosted the U10 Boys on Friday evening and both the U10 Girls and U14 Boys on Saturday. The tournament included teams from Los Osos, Cambria, Morro Bay/Cayucos, and Templeton. A big thank you to all the parents and community members that volunteered to coach this season.

LA Clippers and Basketball

Estero Bay Youth Basketball Registration closes on November 16. After this date registration will be taken on a space available basis (middle school girls' registration will remain open until the school teams are set). Coaches will be meeting on November 26 and teams will be distributed at that time. On December 2, all children registered in our league are invited to attend a skills clinic with the professional team, Los Angeles Clippers. The clinic will be at Morro Bay High School in the new gym from 4:30 to 6 pm.



2019 Estero Bay Youth Basketball

Who: Boys and Girls in 2nd - 8th Grade
The divisions are Grades 2nd & 3rd, Grades 4th & 5th, and Grades 6th through 8th

Registration: September 24th - November 16th
Register online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/morrobay>
or at Morro Bay Recreation Services at 1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay.

Cost: \$115 Pre-Registration 9/24 - 10/13
\$135 Registration 10/24 - 11/16
\$20 Late Fee (\$155) after 11/16/2018 if space available (*\$5 Morro Bay Residents Discount*)
Fees include a team jersey, Shorts and a basketball

Scholarships: Limited scholarships available. Contact the MB Recreation Services for details (805)772-6278.

Practices: Outdoor Practices begin first week in December and Gym Practices begin the week of January 7th

Games: Games start the week of January 12th and played at Del Mar, Baywood, Los Osos Middle School, and Cayucos.

Volunteers: Our Youth Sports Programs rely on volunteer Coaches. If you are interested in coaching or have any questions contact Tyler Fechner at tfechner@morrobayca.gov or (805)772-6281.

Sponsorships: A sponsorship of \$115 will buy a team's jerseys, which will display the business name. A banner recognizing our sponsors will be on display at all games. If you would like to sponsor a team, contact Tyler Fechner at tfechner@morrobayca.gov or (805)772-6281.

Coaches Meetings: Girl's teams Mon., Nov. 26. & Boy's teams Tues., Nov 27. Both 6pm at the Community Center

L.A. Clippers **FREE** Basketball Clinic

Sunday, December 2nd | 4:30 - 6 p.m. | Morro Bay High School Big Gym

- Participants can start arriving at 4 pm and will not be allowed into the gym any earlier. All participants must be picked up no later than 6:15 pm.
- Participants are **REQUIRED** to have a parental guardian sign them in to the clinic.
- Please sign-up before clinic date to Tyler Fechner at tfechner@morrobayca.gov or (805)772-6281
- The clinic will be primarily used to focus on the fundamentals of basketball via stations.



MORRO BAY RECREATION SERVICES
1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, CA 93442 ~ (805)772-6278
City website: www.morrobayca.gov • Sports website: www.leaguelineup.com/mbsports

Finance

FY 2017/18 Year End Close

The City's independent auditors, the PUN Group, were on-site in early October to complete fieldwork for the Fiscal Year 2017/18 year-end audit. The audit has gone smoothly thus far and we are expecting to be able to provide a draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), to the Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC) on December 18, 2018. Staff hopes to obtain feedback from CFAC to incorporate into the final CAFR before submission to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration of the Certification of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award.

Fiscal Resiliency Plan

On August 28, 2018, the City Council approved staff's proposed process and timeline to develop a Citywide Fiscal Resiliency Plan. A Fiscal Resiliency Plan aligns with the Council identified goal of Achieving Economic and Fiscal Sustainability as well as the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) best practices. Staff proposed that overall Fiscal Resiliency Plan be divided into two sections, a short-term Fiscal Emergency Plan and a long-term Fiscal Sustainability Plan. Staff projects to be concluded with the Fiscal Emergency component of the plan by the end of

the calendar year. Staff has been busy internally working with the employee budget advisory group on developing economic triggers and mitigation measures to define action that can occur under the fiscal emergency plan. The draft Fiscal Emergency Plan will be presented to Council in late November for review and consideration.

Comprehensive Fee Study, Cost Allocation Plan and Development Impact Fee Study

City staff has been actively engaged with the City's Fee Study consultants (Revenue and Cost Specialists) to update the City's Fee Study, Cost Allocation Plan and Development Impact Fees. The City's consultant is on-site every two weeks to meet with staff and work on the fee study update.

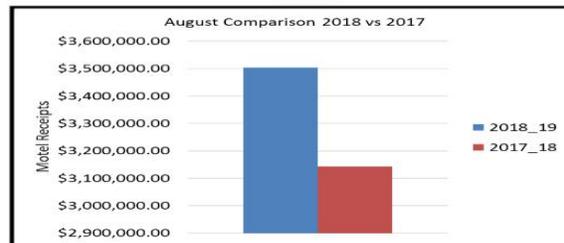
Tourism

Our hotel occupancy for August and September both had good increases. We are cautiously optimistic that this positive trend will continue through winter.

TOT August 2018 - 2017 Year to Year Comparison



Monthly August Comparison	Occ %		ADR		RevPAR	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Atascadero, CA+	77.2	74.3	136.56	129.86	105.39	96.43
Cambria, CA+	83.1	74.5	217.86	209.79	180.96	156.20
Morro Bay, CA+	80.0	74.6	163.86	151.87	131.11	113.34
Paso Robles, CA+	79.9	76.7	146.48	149.21	116.97	114.39
Pismo Beach, CA+	84.1	79.6	215.77	203.80	181.51	162.23
San Luis Obispo, CA+	81.3	76.3	166.50	158.22	135.44	120.67
San Simeon, CA+	78.8	62.9	154.31	150.79	121.61	94.86
Five Cities+	82.4	77.4	204.11	194.60	168.22	150.62
North Coast+	81.1	69.4	188.15	182.63	152.53	126.83
North County+	79.1	76.0	143.91	144.20	113.89	109.63
South County+	81.9	76.9	186.84	177.51	153.05	136.44
San Luis Obispo County	81.0	75.3	176.41	168.92	142.85	127.19



* STR REPORT NUMBERS DO NOT REPRESENT 100% OF MORRO BAY HOTEL ROOMS

2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
81%	74%	\$152	\$149	\$124	\$111
OCC RATE		ADR		REV PAR	

TOTAL ROOMS IN AUGUST 2018 - 915
TOTAL JACKRABBIT LEADS: 5,234

MARKET FACTORS FOR AUGUST 2018

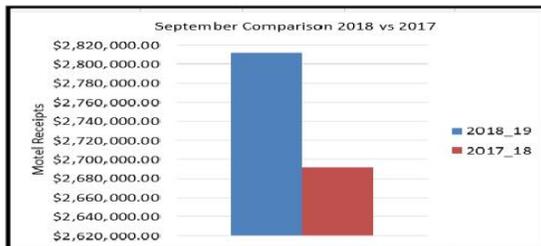
TOTAL WEEKENDS - 4
 HWY 1 OPEN!

VALLEY WEATHER	MORRO BAY WEATHER
DAYS OVER	DAYS OVER
15 - 100+	0 - 70+
13 - 90+	29 - 60+
3 - 80+	2 - 50+

TOT September 2018 - 2017 Year to Year Comparison



Monthly September Comparison	Occ %		ADR		RevPAR	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Atascadero, CA+	65.8	72.5	134.16	131.67	88.28	95.47
Cambria, CA+	74.8	72.0	195.77	196.04	146.42	141.08
Morro Bay, CA+	73.2	71.4	147.74	144.36	108.11	103.13
Paso Robles, CA+	74.0	77.8	144.60	150.62	106.97	117.14
Pismo Beach, CA+	75.0	77.8	190.46	183.10	142.77	142.46
San Luis Obispo, CA+	72.3	74.5	163.13	158.36	117.89	117.91
San Simeon, CA+	68.7	61.8	142.02	141.79	97.57	87.64
Five Cities+	73.9	75.9	179.77	175.31	132.86	133.04
North Coast+	72.0	67.6	170.88	171.00	122.97	115.57
North County+	71.8	76.4	142.06	145.85	102.01	111.39
South County+	73.1	75.2	172.17	167.37	125.94	125.88
San Luis Obispo County	72.7	73.9	163.52	161.21	118.87	119.14



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2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
75%	73%	\$136	\$134	\$99	\$98
OCC RATE		ADR		REV PAR	

TOTAL ROOMS IN SEPTEMBER - 915
TOTAL JACKRABBIT LEADS: 3792

MARKET FACTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
 AVOCADO MARGARITA FESTIVAL 9/8
 CAL POLY WOW WEEK 9/15 - 9/21

VALLEY WEATHER	MORRO BAY WEATHER
DAYS OVER	DAYS OVER
3 - 100+	3 - 70+
17 - 90+	26 - 60+
10 - 80+	1 - 50+

This year something slightly different for tourism, we set aside part of our grant fund towards doing long-term installations which would benefit both tourism and residents. Six grant requests that were presented to the Council were approved., including tree lighting in downtown Morro Bay, new plants in the roundabout at Morro Bay Boulevard / Quintana, and planning for the Franklin Riley Park.

Staff is putting together strategic teams for helping with Amgen in May 2019; if you would like to help please email Jennifer Little at jlittle@morrobayca.gov. Samantha Pruitt from RaceSLO has been hired to help with the event. Her experience and knowledge with races of this level will be of great value! If you see her around town, please welcome her!

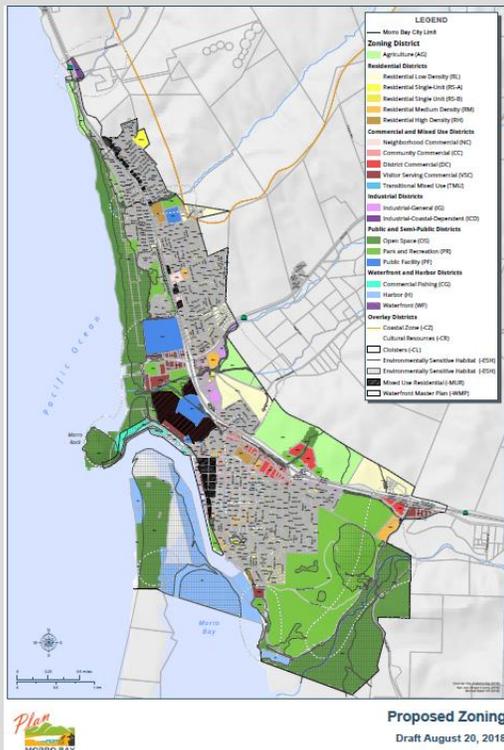
On Friday November 23 (the day after Thanksgiving), take a drive down to the South T-Pier and you should see Lady Washington docked there. She comes into port sometime that day and will be here for 20 days as our guest.



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Community Development

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018



Planning Division Activity

Planning Commission:

Sept. 4, 2018: 1501 Quinta: New 9000 sq.ft. carport mounted solar array.
Action: Approved

Review of Draft General Plan/Local Coastal Program. Action: Reviewed and continued to future meeting

Oct. 2, 2018:

300 Tahiti: New 1,276 sq.ft. house + 634 sq.ft. accessory unit. Action: Approved

310 Tahiti: New 1,319 sq.ft. house + 655 sq.ft. accessory unit.

Planning Permits Received

- Conditional Use Permit = 6
- Coastal Dev. Permits = 4
- Parking exceptions = 4
- Sign Permit = 2
- Lot Merger = 1

Fees collected = \$12,428

Code Enforcement Activity

- 46 cases initiated
- 38 cases resolved
- 34 total pending cases

Building Division Activity

- Permits Issued = 83
- Valuation = \$2,192,614
- Fees Received = \$139,432
- # of Inspections = 161
- New Permits = 43

Planning Activity Cont.

Action: Approved

321 Trinidad: New 3,64 sq.ft. addition to existing home + parking exception

Action: approved

Oct. 16, 2018

210 Atascadero Road: Use change in the building to include café, offices and storage for classic cars.

Action: Approved

2575 Greenwood: Appeal of staff's approval of a new 386 sq.ft. accessory dwelling unit.

Action: appeal denied

Plan Morro Bay: Review of Zoning Code update.

Action: Reviewed and continued