



City Manager's Update

September 24, 2020

The Morro Bay community has stepped up in numerous ways to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus and support each other throughout this challenging time. Thanks to your efforts, Morro Bay has the lowest rate of COVID-19 per capita in SLO County among municipalities. That is a testament to the hard work of our community members to practice social distancing, wear masks and maintain situational awareness. Similarly, our business community stepped up big time in following the rigorous requirements established by the State and County Public Health to maintain safe and clean business environments for employees and customers alike. Finally, the City has operated its Emergency Operations Center since March 2020 to address the pandemic, and used our resources to help inform and support the community, and encourage good behavior from our visitors. These collective community and City efforts have paid off. Thank you for doing your part, thank you for staying vigilant and thank you for supporting friends and neighbors in need.

This City Manager Update includes the latest information related to COVID-19, discusses a new smartphone app launched by Morro Bay Police, informs readers about our current budget situation and highlights the latest information on our Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) project, among other important updates.

We wish you continued health and well-being during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 case rates are trending in a good direction in SLO County this month. As a result, SLO County has moved from the purple to the red tier in the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. That means certain businesses are now allowed to reopen indoors with reduced occupancies, including restaurants, movie theaters, fitness centers and churches. According to the State and County, higher risk individuals should still remain at home as much as possible. To learn more about the tier system, please visit the County [website](#).

The City continues to do its part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and address impacts of visitors to Morro Bay. City Council approved an increase in fines for illegal RV camping on City streets to \$250 for the first violation. In addition, the City launched several hero programs, to include the Mask Hero, Trash Hero and Business Hero programs. These programs are designed to encourage good behavior from our visitors, and reward those who go above and beyond to keep our community and businesses safe.

City Council also put a moratorium on new short-term vacation rental permits, as Council moves through the process of revising the City's Short-term Rental ("STR") ordinance. City Council will review the ordinance again at its October 13, 2020 meeting.

At its September 22, 2020 meeting, City Council expanded the Utility Discount Program ("UDP") from 10% to 25% discount on water and sewer bills for qualifying residents through June 2021. Residents who qualify for PG&E's CARE program automatically qualify for the UDP program. The program was extended to individuals who lost their job or business as a result of COVID-19. The annual rebate for qualifying home park and apartment residents was increased from \$150 to \$180 through June 2021. These programs are funded by voluntary donations and water/sewer penalties, not by the General Fund or water/sewer rates. To learn more, please call the City's Account Clerks Division at 805-772-6222.

City Council will also consider a business grant program to assist local businesses impacted by COVID-19 in October.



Police

Narcan Training Saves Lives

Over the last week, all Morro Bay Police staff received their annual Narcan administration training and testing. Narcan is designed to resuscitate individuals who may be overdosing on opioids. Thank you to Morro Bay Fire Captain Michael Talmage for teaching us how to save lives! Coincidentally, Narcan was administered this week to a victim of an overdose which in turn saved that person's life.

Calls for Service Up

During the last 2 weeks, officers responded to 591 Calls For Service with an additional 154 Patrol Checks of areas where people are illegally camping. This includes transients, RV campers and people sleeping in their vehicles. There were several narcotic arrests as well as continued reports of fraudulent charges due to credit card skimmers at Sinclair Gas station. Staff continues to investigate the fraudulent charges

Police Smartphone App Launches

We are very excited to introduce to the community our new Morro Bay PD App. The app is now live on app store (iOS and Google apps) for download. Search "Morro Bay Police Department."

The app was developed for a couple of reasons. First and foremost, the app will aid the department with the introduction, management, and outreach connected with the new Neighborhood Cop Community Program. The app will provide a central location for community members and residents to identify their "Neighborhood Cop" officers and register for the program.

Additionally, the app's multi-channel messaging system makes it easy for the department to deliver the right message at the right time, encouraging two-way communication. Once residents download the Morro Bay Police Department application from either the Apple and Android app stores, they can instantly connect to the agency through tools and features specifically tailored to public safety



MBPD 2019 Annual Report

MBPD issued its 2019 Annual Report in August 2020. The report serves as an open and transparent reporting of the MBPD's accomplishments and responsibilities. Included in the report is a summary of the Department's organization and budget, mission and values, data, and goals. It also provides an opportunity for the community to put a face to our police officers, command and administrative staff and volunteers. Please review the report [here](#).



Preparing You and Your Family for Wildfires.

- Register your phone number(s) at www.slosheriff/reverse_911 so you can receive emergency messages.
-  Download the PulsePoint app. This app allows the community to be informed of emergency activity in real time.
- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- Plan several different evacuation routes.
- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross.
- Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who have relocated.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit.



Prepare your Home for wildfire

- Remove all flammable vegetation around your home and property. Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures. Regularly clean roof and gutters.

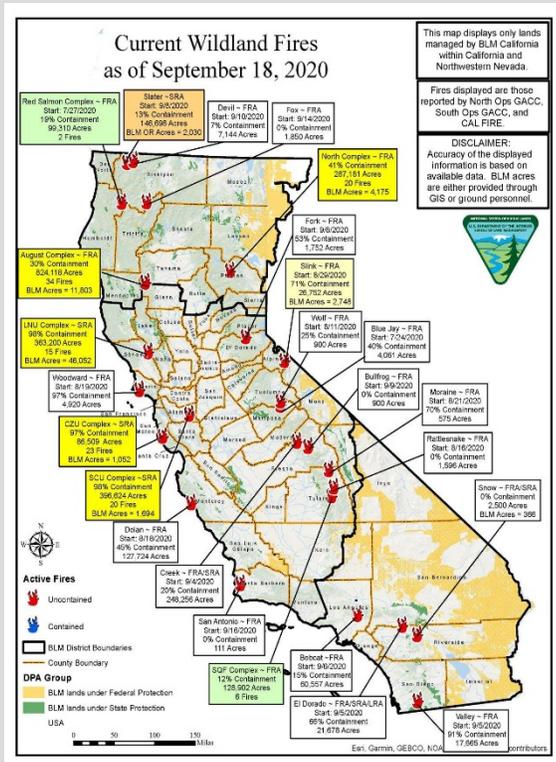
- Enclose eaves and overhangs to prevent flammable materials and rising heat from become trapped.
- Remove dead tree branches that extend over the roof.
- Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.
- Ask the power company to clear branches from power lines.
- Clear a 10-ft area around propane tanks and barbecues.
- Store firewood away from your home and preferably uphill.



As the Fire Approaches

- Back your car into the garage. Leave the keys in the ignition.
- Confine your pets to one room or put them in the car if you are evacuating immediately.
- Put on protective clothing.
- Put your disaster kit in your car.
- Close windows, vents, and doors. Remove lightweight curtains
- Pull flammable furniture away from windows and glass doors. (Radiant heat can ignite objects indoors)
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Ensure garden hoses are connected to outside taps.
- Place a ladder against the house in plain view for emergency personnel.
- When you leave, turn on house lights to make house more visible for the Firefighters

For more information please visit www.ReadySLO.org or contact Morro Bay Fire Department (805) 772-6242 email: Fireprevention@morrobayca.gov



Our OES Engine with Acting Captain Micah Szopinski, Engineer Sam Watson, Firefighter Kevin Hames, and Firefighter Riley Proano-Boughton was assigned to the North Complex Fire East Zone from Aug. 30 – Sept 21. This Engine Company was working in Fire Watch and Alert



conditions with winds up to 70 mph and temperatures over 100 degrees. They were in direct fire attack, perimeter line control, supporting dozer lines, and assisted in firing operations on a rugged portion of the fire surrounding Quincy. With the high winds in fire alert weather, OES 388 was instrumental chasing spot fires up to ¼ mile away from the fire lines. The paramedics on the OES engine were used during a medical emergency in a high angle rope repel and able to use our ALS medical equipment and medication during an anaphylaxis

emergency with another agency's Firefighter with positive results. The North Complex Fire is currently 43% contained at 287,181 acres with 15 fatalities, 23,586 structures threaten, over 2,000 structures destroyed, and 3 Firefighter injuries. The current crew is scheduled to rotate after 21 days on the fire line with Captain Michael Talmadge, Acting Engineer Andrew Schechter, and Conner Crowe.

Engine 5392 returned from the Santa Cruz Lighting Complex returned on September 2nd after a 10-day assignment as part of a local Strike Team after an immediate need request for structure defense. Engine 5392's crew arrived for initial fire attack for structure defense and perimeter control. The Santa Cruz Lighting Complex is nearly complete at 97% containment at 86,509 acres.

Fire Chief Knuckles returned from an Incident Management Team assignment from SCU Lighting Complex in Santa Clara County on September 2nd and is currently on a second assignment with a California Incident Management Team managing the North Complex Fire West Zone. Chief Knuckles is assisting the Evacuation Repopulation Group working with local emergency agencies in Butte and Yuba County. Steve's primary assignment is assisting numerous Native American Tribes, Ranchers, and Farmers located in both counties. The California Incident Management Teams has 49 members from all over the State; currently all 6 California Incident Management Teams are working numerous fires throughout the State. All mutual aid provided by our Fire Department is under our California Firefighter Assistance Agreement with the Federal and State Government and provide 100% payroll reimbursement, equipment rental fees, and a 21% administration fee.



Rock Solid Together Financial Recovery Update

Fiscal Year 2019/20 ended June 30, 2020 and the Finance team is working on closing out yearend payments and revenues. While we continue to close out the fiscal year with the year-end entries, we have some preliminary numbers to share with the community to gauge the impacts of COVID.

In April of 2020, when staff began estimating COVID-19 impacts, we asked City Council for authorization to use up to \$1 million dollars in emergency reserves, as we expected revenue shortfalls of up to \$2 million for the last four months of the fiscal year (March, April, May and June). We approached employees and asked for their help with the shortfall by taking salary concessions through December 31, 2020 until we had a better understanding of COVID and what the impacts would be. With the help from City employees, tight controls on operating expenditures, freezing vacant positions, and laying off most part-time employees and several full-time employees, preliminary numbers show we will utilize approximately \$900,000 in Emergency Reserves to close the revenue shortfall, less than we had previously expected. We continue to remain very cognizant of our reserve levels, being conservative with our spending as we are uncertain what will happen this fall/winter with virus spread.

Specifically, with respect to revenues:

Property Tax outperformed expectations – we came in right on budget with property tax, about \$44,000 above projections which equates to 1%

Sales Tax met expectations – if you recall the state offered deferral of sales tax for business up to 12 months. We were not sure how this would translate into our receipts. While fourth quarter results were down about 10% overall our sales tax came in on budget.

Now for the major revenues source that was severely impacted – Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). We have all witnessed the significant increase in tourist activity this summer. However, despite that our TOT came in at almost \$700,000 less than budgeted (a 20% decline in revenues) for FY2019/20. This is not only significant from a sheer number's perspective, but also when you consider TOT makes up 25% of our City's General Fund revenues. A huge impact to our major revenue source. What is even more alarming, is despite the number of visitors, July's TOT numbers remain at about 18% less than the prior year July figures.

With respect to expenditures:

Salaries & Benefits – with help from our employees, the City saved almost \$200,000 in salaries and benefits. This is due to salary concessions, not filling vacant positions and layoffs. Overall, the City staff has been reduced by 12% from FY 2018/19 levels, this totals 11.6 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions or over 24,000 labor hours. These 24,000 labor hours are mostly being absorbed by existing employees however is not sustainable as a long-term solution.

Non-Personnel Operating Expenditures – the City achieved almost \$400,000 in non-personnel operating expenditures. These savings include a significant savings in legal costs (partially due to the City Attorney providing rate concessions in alignment with the salary concessions).

CARES ACT and FEMA Money - In addition, we have been awarded \$125,793 in CARES funding to offset some of our COVID related expenses. This money is coming in six installments of \$20,965 each – we have received two installments thus far and just submitted our first reporting cycle data yesterday. Damaris Hanson in Public Works is putting together all our FEMA reports and we continue to seek reimbursement from FEMA for COVID related expenses as well.

You can learn more by reviewing the [staff report](#) presented to City Council on September 22, 2020.

Measure E-20 Frequently asked questions

Have you heard about Morro Bay’s Measure E-20 or the upcoming Municipal Election on November 3rd? Here are some Frequently Asked Questions about Morro Bay’s Municipal Election:

Q: What is Measure E-20?

A: On July 14th, the Morro Bay City Council unanimously placed Measure E-20 – Morro Bay’s Local Recovery and Emergency Preparedness Measure -- on the November ballot. Measure E-20 is a proposed locally controlled 1 cent sales tax generating as much as \$2 million annually to support our community through the recovery.

Q: Does Measure E-20 assist with COVID health/emergency needs?

A: The pandemic only shows we must be prepared for any health crisis. Nearly 70% of calls to the Morro Bay Fire Department are related to emergency rescue and medical emergencies. If enacted, Measure E-20 can help prevent significant reduction to service of our local Morro Bay Fire Department, so our skilled, local firefighter-paramedics continue to respond to any local, life-threatening emergencies in these challenging times.

Q: What are the recovery and relief spending priorities for Measure E-20?

A: Morro Bay residents identified the following recovery and relief priorities:

- ✓ Preparing for a medical or catastrophic emergency
- ✓ Maintaining 24/7 911 emergency response
 - Maintaining 24/7 paramedic services
 - Maintaining 24/7 police services
 - Maintaining 24/7 fire protection services
- ✓ Keeping public areas healthy, safe and clean
- ✓ Protecting the financial stability of the City, its residents and businesses

Q: What else is on the November 3rd Municipal ballot?

A: Morro Bay voters will also have the opportunity to select the City's mayor and two city council members this November.

Q: Where can I get more information about Measure E-20 or the Municipal Election?

A: For more information on Measure E-20 or Morro Bay's Municipal Election, visit the City [website](#). Remember that this is a historic California all-mail ballot. Please check back often for more information about new balloting/vote center procedures.

City Clerk



November 3, 2020 General Election

Based on Governor Newsom's Executive Orders and new legislation for the November Presidential Election, **all registered voter will receive a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot in the mail.**

- Ballots are scheduled to be sent September 29th
- Voters can sign up to track their ballots once it is in the mail stream at <https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov/>
- If you have not received your ballot by October 9th, contact the SLO County Elections Office to request a replacement at (805) 781-5228 or elections@co.slo.ca.us

Ways to Return your VBM Ballot

- USPS mail (no postage necessary). Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day
- VBM Ballot Drop Box located at Morro Bay Library, 625 Harbor Street beginning October 5th
- Voter Service Center located at Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way, October 31 – November 3
 - October 31st – November 2nd open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - November 3rd open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Important! To register to vote or, if registered, check your voter status and address at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

Residents are encouraged to follow the San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder's Office on Facebook and visit the San Luis Obispo County Clerk's webpage <http://slovote.com/November2020> for updates.

Public Works

Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Program Update

The City is making progress on all components of the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) project, with construction started on the advanced treatment facility, bids received for the pipeline/conveyance system, advance study moving forward on the injection well system, and staff working with the state government to complete agreements for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grant and low-interest loan funding. The City has experienced increased costs on the overall project as a result of project modifications as well as unanticipated issues that delayed initial construction of the WRF facility. However, those issues will not impact the water and sewer rates.

WRF Funding Update

The City received approvals for a loan amount of \$61M from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its Water Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act (WIFIA) low-interest loan program. That loan was locked in with a near historic low interest rate of under 0.9%, which will save the City and community \$800,000 to \$900,000 a year in debt costs compared to a conventional loan. That allows the City to maintain water and sewer rates that are on par or lower than our neighboring communities.

City staff are working with CWSRF staff to secure an additional low-interest loan and \$5 million grant to help further reduce the debt. The WIFIA and CWSRF loans and grant also help pay for the potable reuse portion of the project. The CWSRF loan and grant process has been delayed due to COVID-19, but is anticipated to be finalized in early 2021.

Design/Construction Update

The design build (DB) team of Filanc/Black and Veatch broke ground on the advanced water treatment facility component on the project in mid-March 2020. The new treatment facility under development is located on South Bay Blvd near Highway 1. That site was chosen because it is removed from coastal hazards and flooding and it has greater neighborhood compatibility compared to alternative sites. The DB team has moved a considerable amount of dirt and dealt with a slide near the southwestern portion of the construction site. The current phase of construction work includes pouring the concrete for the two major water-bearing structures and installing various pipelines that connect the WRF to the rest of the City's new sewer system.

The City opened bids for the pipeline/conveyance component of the project on August 12th and is going through the process to review those and bring forward recommendations to City Council later this year. The pipeline/conveyance component serves three main purposes. First, it transports raw wastewater from the sewer system to the WRF for treatment. Second, it conveys treated wastewater from the WRF to the City's existing ocean outfall for disposal. Third, it sends purified water from the WRF to the groundwater injection wells. The pipeline will run from the existing WWTP site along portions of Main Street and then up Quintana and

out to the new advanced wastewater treatment facility. The City selected this route as the other options (east of Highway 1) were far more expensive in terms of construction costs and infeasible due to technical and environmental constraints. The City is working with business owners along Quintana regarding traffic access during construction.

Lastly, the City team is completing studies on the injection well system. The injection well system will be used to augment groundwater and create a new potable water supply for the community. The City completed a feasibility study in 2017 that identified two sites (one west of Highway 1 and the other east of Highway 1) that met the minimum criteria for groundwater injection. Following completion of the feasibility study, the City evaluated the effects of injection on systemic nitrogen and salinity issues in the Morro groundwater basin. This study showed that long-term injection will improve existing water quality and help protect it from seawater intrusion. After performing field work and additional groundwater modeling in 2019/2020, the City recently completed an additional study that further refined the injection process and confirmed that the injection location west of Highway 1 is superior. The next steps for this aspect of the project entails injection testing west of Highway 1 necessary to confirm the design criteria for the wells so that the design process can be completed and this portion of the project can be put out to bid for construction.

Consolidated Maintenance Update

Top Maintenance Results for Past Four Weeks:

- **Streets**

- Large skin patch repair made on the 700 blk. of Shasta and berm repairs made on Piney and Marina with 4 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt.
- Filled several potholes around town with Cold Mix Asphalt.
- Cleaned, primmed, and painted trash receptacle on Main/Harbor.
- Repaired drip system irrigation lines in the sidewalk planter areas near roundabout.
- Put out 8 additional trash and recycle cans along with 15 large Trash Heroes banners to better identify trash can and dumpster locations.
- Hung up 200 Trash Heroes signs reminding everyone to throw trash in designated areas, no littering.
- Put out and programmed 2 digital Message Boards reminding everyone to Wear Face Masks, Social Distance, Don't Litter, and Expect Delays.





- **Trees/Vegetation**

- Trim and lifted canopies on several trees around town out of the ROW's and for hazard reduction.
- Performed weed abatement along bike and pedestrian paths.
- Cut back and cleaned up vegetation under the Centennial lookout and stairwell.

- **Morro Rock RR**

- Installed new sensor faucet in Men's RR to replace broken one.

- **Cloisters**

- Replaced 4 broken irrigation valves and several sprinkler heads in the Coral median.
- Spread several yards of woodchips in sections of the median planter beds for ground cover.

- **Tidelands Pocket Park**

- Installed programmable timer, drip lines, and emitters to irrigate the entire planter and pond area.

- **City Park**

- Replaced broken door handle on Men's RR door due to vandalism.
- Replaced broken and failing sprinkler heads in lawn area.

- **Harbor RR**

- Installed new urinal and plumbing in Men's RR to replace very old fixture and plumbing.
- Replaced broken TP dispenser in Women's RR with new one.

- **Centennial RR**

- Rebuilt 2 leaking flush valves with new parts in Woman's RR.

- **Del Mar Park**



- Painted entrance signs on both the North and South entrances
- **MBFD**
 - Installed custom security window with teller tray, speaking port, custom cut channel and trim.
 - Installed junction box and electrical circuit to power new storage fuel tank electric pump.
 - Layout and installed 3 steel safety bollards mounted in concrete footings to protect fuel tank. Primmed and painted yellow.
 - Installed 2 new electrical circuits with outlets in server room and 1 circuit with outlet in storage room.
- **Corp Yard**
 - Converted 7 old light fixtures with burned out fluorescent bulbs in the Mechanics Shop to LED bulbs eliminating ballasts with energy savings.
 - Repaired natural gas line in Mechanics Shop with new pipe fittings.
- **City Hall**
 - Removed front RR toilet and unclogged sewer lateral with power snake to clear, reinstalled toilet.
- **Community Center**
 - Converted Women's RR fluorescent light fixture that had bad ballast to LED with no required ballast.

In addition to all this great work listed above, Matt Bishop, Consolidated Maintenance Supervisor, received the Maintenance Superintendents Association (MSA) "Public Works Technician" certificate this month. Matt received this designation after completing 6 certified courses offered by MSA. Matt personifies the very best qualities of City of Morro Bay employees: dedication, professionalism, and drive to grow and improve. Thanks for all your great work and leadership Matt!



Utility Division Update

The Utilities department has been busy preparing for this year's state water shutdown (which typically occurs during the month of October). During state water shutdowns the City's potable water supply is provided by groundwater wells treated through Reverse Osmosis treatment trains to remove nitrates in the water. Staff rebuilt the ten-year-old Reverse Osmosis treatment trains to include filter membrane replacement, electric motor rebuild, and painting the skids. Typical life of RO membranes are estimated at four to ten years between rebuilds, staff is confident the treatment trains are ready to serve the City for another ten years.



In addition, Joe Mueller, Utility Division Manager received his Grade V Advanced Water Treatment Certification from California Water Environment Association and American Waterworks Association. Joe is one of two individuals in the state of California to hold this certification. Awesome job, Joe!

Harbor

The Harbor Department is breathing deeply now that the summer season is winding down, the smoke is dissipating and the fog is clearing! We have sure seen many sides of the spectrum. Labor Day weekend gave us our busiest weekend documented at Morro Rock. The weather was sunny, warm and clear while the majority of the state was in jeopardy due to smoke, fire and the continued shelter at home order. Harbor Department Beach Lifeguards beach counts totaled nearly 9000 folks over that 3-day weekend, while the entire month of August had 17,015 beach patrons. Lifeguard towers are now staffed on weekends only for the remainder of the month with the final weekend of the program approaching in October.



Harbor Patrol has continued to stripe the Rock lot with chalk throughout the entire summer to keep parking organized. They have also altered the entrance/exit of the lot to create more space between oncoming vehicles with the help of Police, Fire and Maintenance staff. The attached photo is a snapshot of the parking and traffic thanks to the Police Department on Labor Day Weekend.

Since that busy weekend we were struck with nearly zero visibility due to thick fog and poor air quality. Mariners were cautioned before leaving the harbor to make sure they were able to safely navigate back with the use of electronics. Thankfully, there were no incidents due to fog over the 2-week fog streak. We are happy to report the fog is clearing, but always reminded of its possible return.

The Waterfront Camping Trial Program is off to a good start. Harbor Patrol are working hard to iron out the kinks and make this trial program as flawless as possible. There are 19 spots to reserve online, with nearly full capacity in the second weekend of existence. We want to thank our community for understanding the premise of this program while we continue to make decisions to best support our City. Reservations and more information can be found on the City website: <http://www.morrobayca.gov/1020/Waterfront-RV-Tent-Camping>.

Our Morro Bay Coast Guard station is looking to the future with installing a new generator system in shared Harbor Department space to power their station in case of power outages. They are also looking forward to expanding their station by 800 sq feet in the near coming months.

Tourism

New Hotel Open – Morro Bluff Inn



Photo Courtesy of Morro Bluff Inn, Morro Bay

Some exciting news in Tourism: the Morro Bluff Inn (MBI) is now open! This Inn has unique, nautically inspired, bay view rooms located on Dunes Street – atop the bluff overlooking the Embarcadero. A boutique inn with three available rooms and the owners living on site, MBI is a

great addition to the hotel mix. For more information about Morro Bay's newest hotel [click here](#).

Recreation

Aquatics Programs

Pool

The Morro Bay Aquatic Center is still open for City programming! We are currently offering Lap Swim, Aqua Aerobics, & Swim Lessons (Private & Semi-Private Only). Due to high demand we are looking to expand our hours and programming. We are committed to keeping the public safe and keeping the Aquatics Center open. For more information or to make a reservation please visit our [Aquatics](#) page.



Youth Services

Kids' Club

Youth Services staff has been busy working with the educators and administrators at SLCUSD schools to assist their students with distance learning. The school day looks a lot different right now but we are working hard to keep some normalcy for the kids. Currently our program runs an average of 50 kids a day from Transitional Kindergarten to 5th grade and we have students from Del Mar Elementary with a few from Teach or Pacheco. Our typical day starts at 7:00am, with most children in place by 8:30am, and every student from TK to 5th grade is signed on to their chromebook and Zooming with their teacher by 9am. The rest of the day is spent helping keep the students on track with assignments and meetings with their teachers. We also

integrate some form of physical activity be it indoors or outside. Our “school day” wraps up at 5:30pm.



This Friday marks a full month of distance learning assistance and the Otter Oasis (4th & 5th Grade) room celebrated with a Donut Distance Learning Party! (They set a goal to have no complaints from teachers about paying attention or distractions during Zooms).



Rockies Teen Center and Teen Action Committee

Rockies Teen Center has remained closed since March 13th, 2020.

Seniors

Office updating is just about wrapped up with new paint in the office and kitchen, new blinds on the exterior window, and an overall general sorely needed housecleaning. Thanks again to Bev and Sandra (and husbands, too) for all of their hard work! Some activity classes are

continuing in various locations such as Tai Chi, Bocce, and Walking Group. Static medical equipment loaning continues to be popular providing Recreation staff plenty of busywork.

Events

We are not allowing special events in the City at this time resulting in cancelling City events or not permitting others, such as: softball tournaments, Monster Skate Contest, Mermaid/Pirate Parade, Easter at the Rock, Kite Festival, no City-wide Yard Sale, Senior Open House, no Art in the Park, no 4th of July, no Car Show, no Harbor Festival, and no Halloween. We will, however, continue with Thanksgiving Dinner this year but it will be delivered!

Youth Sports

No youth sports are allowed at this time by the State.

Facilities

Facilities are currently being used to serve our community through non-profits and County and Federal Governments. The Veteran's Memorial Building has been hosting events such as Census Enumeration Training and COVID-19 testing. Our site has been the most popular site for pop-up COVID-19 testing which is taking place this month. Monday Night Meals have a little different look but is still going strong ensuring safety of those that they serve as well as the volunteers.



Community Development



News: 1. The City's Short-Term vacation Rental Ordinance is scheduled for a second review on by the City Council on October 13, 2020.

2. The City's Housing Element was adopted by City Council on August 25, 2020.

Planning Division Activity

Planning Commission:

August 4, 2020: Meeting cancelled

August 18, 2020:

PC Reviewed the Draft Short-Term Vacation Rental Ordinance.

Action: item continued to September 1, 2020 PC meeting for continued review.

Planning Permits Received

- Use Permits = 1
- Coastal Dev. Permits = 4
- Sign Permits = 1
- TUP (outdoor use) = 4
- Parking Exception = 1
- Sidewalk Vending permit = 1
- Total Planning Permits = 12**

Fees collected = \$6,869

Code Enforcement Activity

New Cases: 7

Closed: 4

Ongoing: 12

Building Division Activity

- Permits Issued = 17
- Valuation = \$1,537,611
- Fees Received = \$75,771
- # of Inspections = 160
- New Building Permits = 14