

New Water Reclamation Facility Project Overview

The City of Morro Bay’s existing wastewater treatment plant has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be rebuilt due to age and condition as well as capacity and regulatory deficiencies. The existing treatment plant was originally built in 1953 and was not designed to meet current regulatory requirements. The Regional Water Quality Control Board recently issued a [Time Schedule Order](#) (TSO) that gives the City a maximum of five years to build a new facility to meet the City’s new, more stringent, permit requirements. Failure to meet the deadline would put the City at risk for substantial fines.

Adding to the City’s challenges, the new wastewater treatment plant cannot be rebuilt at its current location near the beach. The existing plant is located in a coastal flood plain and tsunami inundation zone. In 2013, the California Coastal Commission unanimously denied the City’s permit to build a new treatment plant near the existing site. Locations near the existing facility site are also inconsistent with Coastal Commission policy and provisions of the Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program.



The City is planning to move forward with a new Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) at the preferred site near the intersection of South Bay Boulevard and Highway 1, roughly one mile east of downtown Morro Bay. The new WRF would replace the City’s aging wastewater treatment plant and provide recycled water to improve local supply reliability. *The proposed WRF Project represents the culmination of a 5-year public process that included identification of community goals, evaluation of project and site alternatives, and input from a number of professional and community-advisory groups.*

For more information regarding the project visit www.morrobaywrf.com

Proposed WRF Sewer & Water Surcharges

Total proposed WRF Water & Sewer Rate Surcharges for a single family home will not exceed \$41 per month including a \$25 WRF Sewer Surcharge and a \$16 WRF Water Surcharge. Combined surcharges per multi-family or condominium dwelling unit will not exceed \$32.80 per month. Surcharges for commercial and other non-residential customers vary based on customer class and water use and will not exceed the levels shown on the tables below.

Proposed WRF Sewer Surcharges	
Residential WRF Sewer Surcharges	
<i>Fixed monthly surcharge per residential dwelling unit</i>	
Single Family Home	\$25.00
Multi-Family/Condominium Unit	20.00
Non-Residential WRF Sewer Surcharges	
<i>Volumetric surcharge per hcf of metered water use</i>	
Class A - Low Strength	\$3.43
Class B - Domestic Strength	4.10
Class C - Moderate Strength	4.77
Class D - Mod-High Strength	5.43
Class E - High Strength	6.77
<i>Minimum Monthly Charge</i>	20.00

Proposed WRF Water Surcharges	
Residential WRF Water Surcharges	
<i>Fixed monthly surcharge per residential dwelling unit</i>	
Single Family Home	\$16.00
Multi-Family/Condominium Unit	12.80
Non-Residential WRF Water Surcharges	
<i>Volumetric surcharge per hcf of metered water use</i>	
Surcharge per hcf of water use	\$3.64
<i>Minimum Monthly Charge</i>	12.80

1 hcf = 100 hundred cubic feet = 748 gallons

Impacts on Monthly Utility Bills

With full implementation of the previously-adopted water and sewer rates and the proposed WRF Surcharges, the total combined monthly utility bill for a typical single family home with 5 units (i.e 500 cubic feet per month which is the equivalent of 125 gallons per day) of monthly water use would not exceed \$191 accounting for all monthly utility rates and WRF Surcharges. Approximately two-thirds of single family residential bills are at or below this level of use.


The table below demonstrates what your combined water and sewer bill would be beginning July 1, 2019, depending upon how many units of water are used per month.

Single Family Home at Different Levels of Use

	Monthly Water Use (hcf)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Water Service Charge	\$38.00	\$44.00	\$50.00	\$58.50	\$67.00	\$75.50	\$84.00	\$92.50	\$101.00	\$109.50
Sewer Service Charge	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>
Subtotal	121.00	127.00	133.00	141.50	150.00	158.50	167.00	175.50	184.00	192.50
Water WRF Surcharge	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Sewer WRF Surcharge	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Subtotal	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00
Combined Total	162.00	168.00	174.00	182.50	191.00	199.50	208.00	216.50	225.00	233.50

You can determine your monthly usage of water by reviewing your monthly water & sewer bill from the City. Under Meter Readings on your bill is where you will find monthly usage.

Billing Date
6/30/2018



METER READINGS					
Meter No.	Read Dates	Days	Previous	Current	Usage
201462	5/10/2018 - 6/11/2018	32	622	627	5

Community Input & Written Protest Procedures

Property owners and customers may submit written protests against the proposed WRF Water Surcharges and/or WRF Sewer Surcharges. Pursuant to California and the City [Resolution No. 44-18](#) (218 Protest Policy) protests must be submitted in writing and must a) identify the affected property or properties, such as by address, Assessor's Parcel Number, or customer account number, b) include the name and signature of the customer or property owner submitting the protest, c) be signed and dated after the date the City transmitted the notice, d) indicate opposition to the proposed WRF Water and/or Sewer Surcharges, and e) provide a statement of certification, by the named record owner or customer of record, as applicable, affirming the contents of the protest are true and correct.

Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile or other electronic means will not be accepted. The proposed surcharges cannot be adopted if written protests are received from a majority of affected parcels with one written protest counted per parcel. Written protests can be mailed or delivered to: City Clerk, City of Morro Bay, 595 Harbor Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442. Written protests can also be submitted at the Public Hearing on August 28, 2018. All protests must be submitted prior to the close of the Public Hearing.