



## City Manager's Update

**April 1, 2021**

A key characteristic of a strong community is its capacity to create an environment where everyone feels safe, welcome, and comfortable. Morro Bay is just that kind of community. We go out of our way to support each other and take care of those who are in need. With that in mind, we make each other and our community stronger when we stand up to discrimination and acts of hate pointed at individuals for the color of their skin, their religious beliefs, national or social origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical or mental disability. So please join the City in showing support to our friends, family and neighbors in the [American Asian and Pacific Islander communities](#). They need our love and support during this challenging time.

On another note, April marks the month of the child, where we celebrate children in our community. Two local organizations, CAPSLO and the Estero Bay Community Foundation are spearheading efforts to help develop children in the SLO region. Please consider learning more and getting involved with these efforts to foster the next generation at: <https://capslo.org/> and <https://www.communityfoundationesterobay.org/>.

And, last, as a reminder, there are several major initiatives coming forward to the City this year. The City's future land use planning document, the General Plan ([Plan Morro Bay](#)), is nearing completion and is being made ready for City Council in late April. The City is in the process of reviewing a potential lithium [battery storage project](#) at the old Morro Bay Power Plant site. Council will soon discuss how best to invest the [Measure E-20](#) sales tax funds that will go into effect beginning in April 2021. Construction of the pipeline component of the [Water Reclamation Facility](#) (WRF) is now underway. And, the Harbor Department is seeking ways to make their enterprise fund self-sustaining. The City also continues to review opportunities to restore community service to pre-COVID-19 levels. The City is busy working toward achieving City Council strategic goals, and we hope you engage in these important initiatives.

-Scott Collins, City Manager

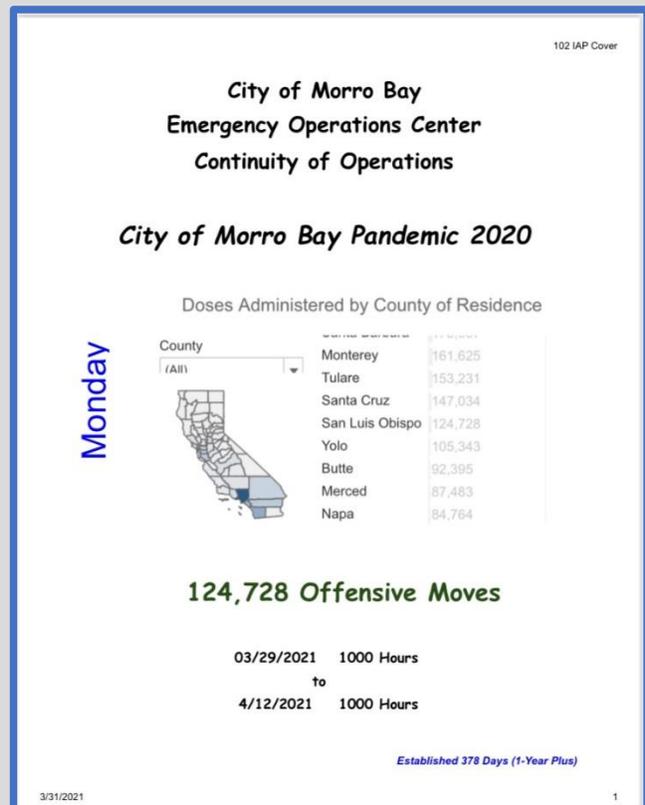
## COVID-19 Update

In addition to making sure we wear our masks and maintain other COVID-19 safety protocols, our best chance as a society to overcome this devastating disease is to ensure all those who want to get a vaccine, get one. To that end, City staff and volunteers (including Mayor Headding, a retired pharmacist) are working in close coordination with SLO County Public Health officials and staff to get vaccines out efficiently. The City is providing firefighters and paramedics to provide shots at the three distribution sites set up throughout the County (Paso Robles, Cuesta College and in Arroyo Grande). SLO County is now making vaccines available for those individuals 30 years and older. It is set up as a first come first serve, so we encourage interested individuals to stay apprised of the situation by regularly visiting the County website [www.recoverslo.org/vaccines](http://www.recoverslo.org/vaccines). There is a wealth of information on that site to assist you.



## Morro Bay's Emergency Operations Center

We continue to operate our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) since March 16, 2020, to support the Emergency Declarations from our City, County, State, and President. We continue to function under a two-week operational period with your EOC staff meeting twice weekly. For the last 380 days, City staff and volunteers have worked closely with San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department and County EOC, helping our workforce, volunteers, and citizens reduce the spread of COVID-19. In the last 30 days, we have re-entered the "Red" phase allowing for increased indoor activities for restaurants and retail businesses. We have worked closely with our Chamber of Commerce to educate, coach, and support our business community through the different phases of restrictions. We continue to issue Blanket Encroachment Permits and review recreational activities allowed to bring our City back to our way of life as safely as possible.



Morro Bay Firefighter Paramedics are continuing to be utilized to support our three County Vaccine Centers in Paso Robles, Arroyo Grande, and Cuesta College. A reimbursement process has been developed in partnership with the County hopefully be funded soon. Public Works staff is heading the FEMA reimbursement process, and the recently approved American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides hope for additional assistance to our community and reimbursement to the City for its year plus effort to limit COVID-19 spread in our community.

Our EOC staff develops and communicates a new Incident Action Plan (IAP) every two weeks to keep us aligned with our County's collaborative partners and to ensure our actions and efforts are focused on serving, safeguarding, and protecting our community, City employees, and volunteers while we are returning to our way of life.

## Police

### Police Operations

- **Students are Back for on Campus Instruction**

School resumed on March 15<sup>th</sup> for on campus instruction for Del Mar Elementary and Morro Bay High School. During the COVID break SRO Gene Stuart remained on campus during the past year for duties related to campus safety, criminal investigations, and completed several complex criminal investigations this past year. On March 8, 2021, SRO Stuart was temporarily reassigned to his previous Senior Officer/Field Training Officer position to assist in department training. As a result, Officer Alex Gillespie was assigned to the School Resource Officer position. SRO Gillespie will continue with the assignment through the end of this school year. SRO Gillespie has already made an impact on the campuses and is enjoying his new role as SRO.



**SRO Alex Gillespie**

- **MBPD Cannabis Dispensary Update**

Perfect Union located at 1000 Quintana Road has entered their second quarter of opened retail business. Natural Healing Center (NHC) located at 495 Morro Bay Blvd. will soon be open for business.

Since February 8<sup>th</sup>, the Morro Bay Police Department has completed 31 cannabis backgrounds, totaling 115 hours. To date, 50 total backgrounds have been completed.

The department is currently seeing an average of 3 backgrounds per month for cannabis employment.

MBPD staff continues to work closely with each dispensary providing support for site security, approval of new on-site retail options to improve efficiency for product sales, review and approval of security plans, and site visits.

### **Training and Development**

- **Chief Cox receives POST Executive Certificate**

Chief Cox has recently been awarded the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Trainings (P.O.S.T.) highest award in the POST Executive Certificate. The Executive Development Course (EDC) is the last in a series of professional development programs offered by POST and is intended to enhance the leadership potential and capabilities of law enforcement executives. The EDC is an 80-hour course conducted in two separate one-week sessions. Completion of the EDC is a requirement for a department head to receive their POST Executive Certificate and can only be obtained after completing the POST Management 104-hour course and obtaining a POST Management Certificate.



- **Sergeant Mosqueda completes Sherman Block Leadership Institute**

Sgt. Mosqueda has recently completed the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SLI) 8-month program. The Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBSLI) is a program designed to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision-making in California law enforcement front-line supervisors. Designed and

implemented in 1988 through the efforts of California law enforcement professionals and top educators and trainers, the SBSLI is an intense program (dedicating 3 days per month) based on experiential learning techniques. Students are challenged to learn new ways to resolve issues through group and individual work.



### Community Policing

- **Neighborhood Cop Update**

The Neighborhood Cop Program continues to grow. Thanks to a partnership with Morro Bay Neighborhood Watch, every Neighborhood Cop Registrant is available to receive this 5" x 5" Neighborhood Watch sign to place in a window of their residence to show their awareness and dedication for a safe neighborhood.



## Fire

**We are looking for a few good men and women....**



The City of Morro Bay is looking for a few good men and women for Reserve Firefighter Positions. Check out the employment opportunities on the City Web Site: [www.morrobayca.gov](http://www.morrobayca.gov) or call 805.772.6242

The Fire Department is looking for qualified men and women to become Reserve Firefighters. Those who are chosen will augment the full-time fire personnel in their mission of protecting life, the environment, and property and maintaining the Fire Department's state of readiness. Duties include responding to many types of emergencies including structure and wild land fires, but medical aids, hazardous materials, rescues and other types of calls to assist the public. They may be asked to assist in the maintenance of various types of fire equipment, including the vehicles, as well as the fire station itself.

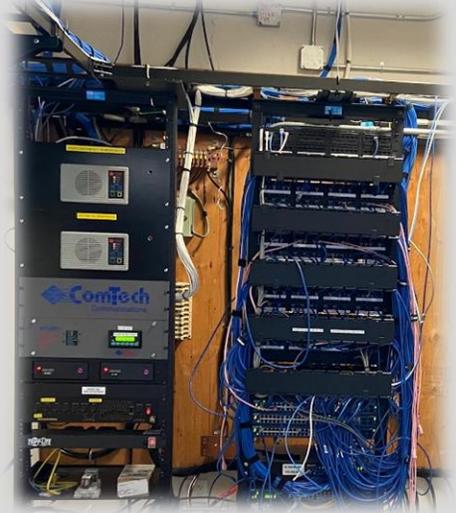
All Reserve Firefighters must be willing to commit to a year's tenure as well as be available to attend training drills and additional training required by the City, County, State Fire Marshal's Office, and OSHA of California. Several full departments drills will be held throughout the year, often scheduled for any fifth Wednesday in the month and other occasional training opportunities are available that are held in conjunction with other fire departments here in the county. Reserves are required respond to emergency incidents on an as-needed basis. This opportunity is the first step for any young man or woman to a rewarding career in the California Fire Service. If anyone has questions about our program, please give our Harbor Street Fire Station at call at 805.772.6242.

## **Preparing our communication systems for a Public Safety Power Shut Off**

Climate change impacts over the last several years have led to the increased number and intensity of wildland fires in the State. The risk of a wildfire is a moderate to high vulnerability in San Luis Obispo County, particularly in the areas in far northeastern and southeastern portion of

the county, where there are areas with moderate to high fire hazards. The risk of wildfire increases when several factors combine, such as high temperatures, high sustained and peak winds, as well as critically low humidity (typically in the fall). During these conditions, electrical transmission and distribution lines may ignite fires if they are downed by winds and/or trees.

To reduce the chance of accidental fire ignition in certain areas of the state, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has developed plans to require de-energization of electrical grids or blocks of an area(s) in advance of or during periods of heightened fire risk conditions. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company implemented additional precautionary measures to help to reduce the risk of wildfires due to electricity. Since the energy system relies on many power lines working together to provide electricity across the County, the City of Morro Bay may be affected by these power outages, even if the city is not experiencing high winds or other extreme weather conditions.



Our City has been working with Digital West preparing our City communication system for possible PSPS or power shut off during normal emergencies that occur in our City. Currently our City's phone and Information Technology (IT) system are located in our City Hall which does not provide any backup generator power. Our City Council approved moving the core of our telephone system and IT communications to our Harbor Street Fire Station that supports a backup electrical generator.



Digital West started work 30-days ago after obtaining permits from multiple utility companies and our City. In the future our City Hall, Police Station, Community Center, Wastewater Plant, and Corporate Yard will be connected by fiberoptic lines. Our Harbor Department will be connected to all communications by microwave antennas mounted at the Fire Station. We are anticipating all work will be completed by the end of April allowing use to move our phone system

and IT servers to the Fire Station in May.

## Finance

### **Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) Budget Preparation**

Finance has been leading the efforts to craft the FY 2021/2022 Operating and Capital Budget. All departments have been working on budget development, requests to restore community service levels to pre-2019 levels, while also reviewing how to improve the means of providing those services. Additionally, the departments have made proposals to enhance their budgets to improve efficiency, add services consistent with the City Council's Goals, and address long-standing maintenance and capital infrastructure needs. Timelines in April include the presentation of the allocation of Morro Bay voter approved Measures Q and E resources prior to publication of the City Manager's Proposed Budget scheduled for May 11th. This is two weeks before the City Council Budget Study sessions scheduled for May 25 and 26.

### **Water and Sewer Bill "Autopay" Update**

The project to encourage use of "Autopay" for Utility bill payments has achieved the first milestone of success. Due to the Utility Bill insert more than 90 account holders have transitioned to autopay. This will save 3 hours a month of staff time which can be used for some other meaningful task (analysis of payment patterns, pursuing other efficiencies, etc.). With input from the entire team, Heather Goodwin has simplified the City's website to ensure the easiest transition from the home page to the payment options page for utility billing. Now, all questions related to payment options for utility billing are addressed one click away from the home page as well as the online form to sign up for autopay.

The newly created "Payment Options" page left-hand side menu bar has been updated as well as the previous landing page "Water and Sewer Services." New buttons ("Pay My Bill", "View My Bill," "Start New Water Service" and "Set-up Auto-pay") have been added to both the "Payment Options Page" and the "Water and Sewer Services Page" to help entice the user to click the button to make the website more user friendly. Overall, the website pages that were added and updated seem easy to use, friendly and simplified. Staff will continue to make adjustments to the website to encourage transitions.

The team is reviewing other enhancements which could save time and streamline the internal process (check reading machine) and the customer experience (software upgrades to allow auto pay on the date of the account-holder's choice instead of a fixed date). The City is pursuing the check reader in the short-term and will be exploring the software upgrades as they become available (most are either rolling out slowly or are in beta tests now). Lastly, use of Public Service Announcements and social media marketing will be used as enhancements come online.

A few additional highlights from the previous month are worthy of note:

- The RFP for mandated auditing services was released and responses are due back by April 30th. A selection will be made in May and the contract will be brought to the City Council in June.
- The notice of availability of 570 Dunes Street for rent was sent to all City staff in March. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on April 2. The lottery will happen the next week and someone could move in as early as the middle of April.
- The Federal Single Audit of our Transit Fund and the Water Infrastructure Innovations and Financing Act loan for the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) project was completed in March. There were no Findings and internal controls were found to be sufficient. The report was submitted to the Federal Clearinghouse before the March 31 deadline.

## 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 on the advanced treatment facility and the pipeline/conveyance system components of the project underway, 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 \$61 million 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 and California State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) staff have nearly completed the process to secure the City and its rate payers an additional \$61 million low-interest loan and \$5 million grant. The WIFIA and CWSRF loans and grant significantly reduce the total debt paid on the WRF project and will also help pay for the potable reuse portion of the project. Potable reuse will become increasingly necessary as the State appears to be headed into another prolonged drought. The CWSRF loan and grant process has been delayed due to COVID-19 but is anticipated to conclude by spring 2021, to be reviewed by City Council.

Shortly after that, the Citizen Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC) will review options for potential use of any residual Water and Sewer fund reserves. Analysis will look at various factors, such as WRF costs, Utility operation costs, revenue collections, interest rates on the CWSRF loan and other factors in determining the optimal use of funding sources. Options for use of funds to be reviewed by CFAC (depending upon the factors mentioned) could include lowering water and sewer rates, expansion of One Water capital projects and/or borrowing by other City funds for critical City needs, among other potential options. CFAC will review and provide recommendations to City Council. More to come on this discussion.

### **Pipeline/Conveyance System Construction Update**

The City signed a contract with Anvil, Inc. to construct the pipeline/conveyance system to connect to the advanced treatment plant, outfall and indirect potable reuse injection systems.



The \$31.5 million contract includes construction of two wastewater pipelines, one pipeline for the water treatment process discharge, and one purified water pipeline. The four pipelines will be constructed in segments on Atascadero Road, Main Street, Quintana Road and South Bay Boulevard. The construction will include trenching, tunneling, pipe installation, soil backfilling and off hauling, and road restoration, as well as construction of support infrastructure including two new lift stations.

In March, crews began pipeline construction on Quintana Road moving southeast from La Loma to South Bay Boulevard. Crews will also begin work at Main Street and Quintana Road moving southeast along Quintana Road in April. Construction is scheduled on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Weekend or night work may be scheduled, as needed, but neighboring properties will be informed in advance of schedule changes. The schedule calls for the majority of construction activities to be completed by December 2021. To learn more about the construction status, please visit the WRF website at <https://morrowrf.com>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please either email [wrfinfo@morrobayca.gov](mailto:wrfinfo@morrobayca.gov) or call **1-877-MORROBAYH2O**.

## Consolidated Maintenance Update

City Council recently approved an additional \$25,000 in spending (from the Tourism Fund and General Fund) to hire more part-time maintenance staff for restroom cleaning and trash service in the waterfront and beach areas for the peak visitor season (April – October). These additional staff will focus their time on the most impacted areas Friday – Sunday each week.

### Past four weeks of Maintenance Service

- **Streets/Misc.**
  - Filled several potholes on Little Morro Cr. Rd. and around town with Cold Mix Asphalt.
  - Removed sand from boardwalk from Coleman Park to the Rock restrooms.
  - Large skin patch repair made with 3 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt in the public parking lot at the 1100 blk. of the Embarcadero. Skin patch repairs made with 1 ton of HMA at the Rock parking lot entrance.



- Skin patch repairs made with 4 tons of HMA at the 200 blk. of Andros and 400 blk. of Oahu.
- Installed new street signs at Beachcomber/Luzon and new stop sign at Ridgeway/Kern.
- Removed large graffiti from the Morro Cr. pedestrian/bike bridge railing.



- **Trees/Vegetation**

- Trim and lifted tree canopies on the 100 blk. of Main St. out of the ROW's for hazard reduction.
- Pick up and haul several piles of vegetation along the bay sea wall and Centennial Park that was gathered from the Morro Bay in Bloom volunteer group. Thank You volunteers!
- Cut ice plant back off curb on Beachcomber from Java to Mindoro Way.

- **Parks**

- ***Lila Keiser***

- Installed new parking lot pole, LED lights, and wired electrical.
- Replaced and painted broken wood boards on the East ballfield bleachers.

- ***Tidelands***

- Installed new standup BBQ pit to replace worn out one.
- Ground down lifted concrete panel edge on walking path near sun dial.

- ***Centennial***

- Re-painted 2 picnic tables, 4 game tables with seats, 5 benches, and park sign. Replaced hardware.
- Removed plumbing fittings under restroom sink to clear clog and reassemble.

- ***Del Mar***

- Repaired broken water irrigation lateral on station #27.
- Cut out leaking drain line on drinking fountain and replaced with new one.

- ***Cloisters***

- Repaired leaking flush valve with new diaphragm kit in women's restroom.

- **Facilities**

- ***MBPD***

- Prepped and painted detectives office and doors.



- **Corp Yard**
  - Installed new sensor LED security light over maintenance workshop doors.
- **Vets Hall**
  - Repaired cold water leak under building with new reducing coupling.
  - Installed 3 new sanitary napkin receptacles in the women's and ADA restrooms.
- **Harbor Restroom**
  - Replaced both men's and women's restroom entrance signs.
  - Replaced broken hand towel dispenser in men's restroom due to vandalism.
  - Replaced broken tiles in men's shower area.
- **MBFD**
  - Power snaked and cleared clogged storm drain line in rear of building.
- **Morro Rock Restroom**
  - Installed 2" water isolation valve on men's side, relocated urinal vent pipe to raise urinal flush valve,
  - removed old urinal and installed new low flow urinal and sensor.
  - Installed new sensor hand dryer in women's restroom to replace worn out one.
- **MBCC**
  - Removed old roof patch and flashing above kitchen due to roof leak. Prepped and silicone drip edge flashing. Stucco patched 2 areas on exterior wall, primmed and painted.



## Utilities Update

In April, the Utilities department will be welcoming three new operations staff members, all three are joining the teams as Utility Operator Multi Certification meaning they will be working in all areas of the Water Utility (water, sewer collections and treatment). Two of the new operators have over 25 years combined experience and hold all the state required water and wastewater certifications needed for Morro Bay operations.

## Harbor

Operationally, the Harbor Department has been busy gearing up for two seasons: recreational rockfish fishing and beach lifeguards. On the administrative front, it's been all budget and trying to figure out what our economic future has in store as it appears visitors are already flocking to Morro Bay in large numbers based on the early spring break crowds we've seen this past week. It's going to be an interesting year again.

The recreational rockfish season is open from April 1 through December 31, and we typically see quite a pent-up demand surge in the opening week. In addition, recreational salmon season opens April 3 this year, which will also fuel the fishing frenzy. With strong onshore spring winds already upon us, and the possibility of large winter swells still a threat, Harbor Patrol will be on their toes and tows.

With both the Harbor and Recreation departments in need of new staffing recruits for their Beach Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard programs, we are gearing up to put on our United States Lifesaving Association (USLA)-sanctioned Lifeguard Training Academy at the end of April. This two-weekend course certifies young cadets in the basics of open-water lifesaving, in addition to getting them certified in medical aid and CPR. With those certifications Harbor and Rec will have the necessary staff to keep our beaches and Junior Lifeguard programs safe. Lifeguard towers will be placed on the beach sometime in April or early May, and towers staffed for weekends-only starting mid-May, then go to seven days per week starting Memorial Day weekend.

In addition, Harbor staff have been preparing several derelict vessels for demolition at the boat launch ramp before April 1. A demo contractor has been chosen and the boats will be pulled out on March 30 and broken down for disposal. These vessels are the end result of seizures and lien sales for lack of payment of slip or mooring fees and are typically vessels beyond their useful lives. Funding comes from a Division of Boating and Waterways grant program specifically set-up for disposal of such boats.

On waterfront lease sites, Councilmember Heller continues to provide excellent project management assistance to Harbor staff in planning and executing the department's necessary structural improvements to the old Morro Bay Aquarium building to prepare it for occupation by the Three Stacks and a Rock Brewing Company. Three Stacks is also undertaking substantial tenant improvements to enable their brewing and serving operation to move from north Main Street to the waterfront. We expect their doors to be open by summer.

### Administration

#### Classes

Unfortunately, we are still not able to offer our regular activity classes. However, we are monitoring the rules and regulations that will allow us to reopen and offer our regular classes.

#### Facilities

Facilities are currently being used to serve our community through non-profits and County, State, 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 will continue to take place through May 2021. 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.



Use of City property has started to ramp up again with two recent film shoots taking place at the North Creek parking lot – a Ford truck commercial shot on the beach and an airstream still shoot for print ads.

Use of Lila Keiser Park is beginning this week with our local Little League taking the mound along with two softball tournaments on the books for early this summer.

#### Events

We are slowly allowing events to return to the City. Starting with drive through fundraisers both at the MBCC as well as VMB. We are closely monitoring State and County guidelines to help us bring back Art in the Park, car shows, etc. We are allowing the return of the annual Marine Swap held at the triangle lot by the powerplant.

#### Seniors

Unfortunately, the Senior Center must still remain closed at this time. Some activity classes are continuing in various locations such as Tai Chi, Bocce, and Walking Group. The latest addition is the return of the SLO County Public Health's balance class, which has been seeing a dozen

folks or so participating most Tuesdays and, due to the popularity of this class, a second class has been added for the same time on Thursdays.

Though closed, the Recreation Division is carrying on with the static medical equipment loan program. Surprisingly busy this service is obviously much needed and appreciated as, on average, we receive a request or donation daily for wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower chairs along with other requests we can't accommodate.

## **Aquatics Programs**

### **Pool**

The Morro Bay Aquatic Center springs into action! We are currently offering Lap Swim, Aqua Aerobics, & Swim Lessons (Private & Semi-Private). Lap swim and Aqua aerobic are a big hit and in high demand as a safe workout for all age groups. These programs are selling out in minutes! We have expanded Sundays to 5 sessions to help keep up with demand. We are also looking into adding additional sessions Monday and Wednesday mornings. The aquatics team is also working on rebooting Masters' Swim! Master's Coach Margaret will be taking to the deck Monday and Wednesday mornings to get participants training. Whether it is to stay in shape, tackle triathlons, or open water swims master's swim is a great way to reach your goals.



Swim lessons have been a big hit so far this year. Fortunately, we are able to offer family a fun, safe outdoor recreation option for participants of all ages!



**Morro Bay Recreation has partnered with San Luis Coastal Unified School District and Morro Bay High School to offer Lifeguard training as a part of their Career Technical Education program.** This is a great way to get high school students excited about being a part of the community while teaching them life long, teamwork, leadership, and customer service skills. This is a groundbreaking advancement in aquatics as there has been a Lifeguard shortage locally as well as nationwide. We are excited to be part of the solution! 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 Sports

This 2021 Girls' Softball Season we are partnering with San Luis Obispo Girls' Softball Association to offer a quality softball program for our community. Registration is currently open, and our season will start on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

A dark blue advertisement for girls' softball registration. The text is white and centered. At the bottom, there are logos for Morro Bay Recreation Services and SLO GSA, along with contact information.

**ATTENTION  
ALL MORRO BAY GIRLS  
SOFTBALL PLAYERS . . .**

WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH  
SAN LUIS OBISPO  
GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
TO OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR YOUR MORRO BAY PLAYERS  
TO PLAY THIS SEASON.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN  
NOW!  
VISIT [WWW.SLOGSA.ORG](http://WWW.SLOGSA.ORG)  
FOR DETAILS**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT SEASON!**

**MORRO BAY RECREATION SERVICES**  
1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, CA 93442 - (805)772-6278  
[www.morrobayca.gov](http://www.morrobayca.gov) • [www.facebook.com/CityofMorroBay](https://www.facebook.com/CityofMorroBay)

**SLO GSA**

Morro Bay Recreation is proud to bring back our popular Junior Lifeguards Program!  
Registration opens Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## 2021 MORRO BAY JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS PROGRAMS

### JUNIOR GUARD PRE-SEASON POOL PROGRAM

This program is designed to help prepare participants for the Morro Bay junior lifeguard beach program.

Emphasizing endurance and safety while having fun and building confidence.

**Prerequisites:**

- Age 9 years and older
- 25 yards swim
- Ability to tread water
- Comfortable in deep water

**Session 1:** April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9  
**Session 2:** May 23, June 30, June 6, June 13

**Days:** Sundays

**Times:** 2:30 to 3:30 pm

**Cost:** \$60

**Where:** MBHS Aquatic Center



### JUNIOR GUARD BOOT CAMP

Fast paced program for participants with previous Junior Guard experience who have been selected to volunteer. Applications available on the city website.

**Prerequisites:**

- Dolphin or Orca in 2020
- 14 years and older
- 100 yards under 2 minutes or coordinator approval

**When:** June 14 - 18, *Must meet prerequisites*

**Days:** Monday - Friday

**Times:** 8:30am to 12:30pm

**Cost:** \$150

**Where:** Morro Rock, First Lifeguard Tower

### MORRO BAY JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM

The Morro Bay Junior Lifeguard Program is designed to increase the participant's appreciation and understanding of the recreational opportunities and hazards associated with the ocean environment. Participants will receive education and hands-on experience in ocean safety, environmental awareness, first-aid, rescue techniques, surfing and paddle boarding, beach activities, physical fitness and marine safety operations.

**Prerequisites:**

- Age 9 years and older
- 100 yards under 3 minutes
- 5 min. tread water
- 15 feet underwater swim

**Session A:** June 21 - July 2

**Session B:** July 5 - July 16

**Session C:** July 19 - July 30

**Session D:** Aug 2 - Aug 13

**Days:** Monday - Friday

**Times:** 8:30am to 12:30pm

**Cost:** \$375 (includes t-shirt and group photo)

**Where:** Morro Rock, First Lifeguard Tower

**Note:** Sweatshirts are available for purchase at time of registration for \$25.



### REGISTRATION

Session A registration - Mon. March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9am  
Session B registration - Tues. March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9am  
Session C registration - Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9am  
Session D registration - Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9am

### REFUND AND TRANSFER FEE \$100

\*From time of Registration



### MORRO BAY RECREATION SERVICES

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

## Youth Services

### Kids' Club

As of March 4<sup>th</sup>, Kids' Club has moved back to Del Mar Elementary Campus. Staff was able to pack up and move our entire program and set up multiple new classrooms in one day to be ready to provide care/support for our families. We have divided our program into 5 different cohorts. Providing care from 7:00am – 5:30pm to 65 different Del Mar Elementary students. Students now attend in person learning for half day sessions Monday through Thursday, and then come to Kids' Club for Independent Learning support and before/after school care. Fridays are Virtual Learning Days, where we are back Zooming with teachers and completing a full day of Independent Learning. The students and staff are happy to be back on campus!



## Rockies Teen Center and Teen Action Committee

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

# Morro Bay Community Development Department Activity Update for February 2021



**News:** The Planning Commission welcomed two new members: Bill Roschen, and Jen Ford to the Commission. The PC also appointed Jesse Barron as Chair and Susan Stewart as Vice Chair.

## Planning Division Activity

### Planning Commission:

Feb 2, 2021: 2650 Main Street: New recycling center adjacent to Spencer's Market. ACTION: Approved

Feb 16, 2021:

1. 301 Little Morro Creek Road. Extension request for the Bike Park Interim Use permit. ACTION: Approved

2. Planning Commission formed a 2 person subcommittee (Bill Roschen & Jesse Barron) to assist the Community Development Director in assessing the City's Development Review Process.

## Planning Permits Received

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|------------------------|------|
| • Use Permits          | = 1  |
| • Coastal Dev. Permits | = 4  |
| • Parking Exception    | = 2  |
| • Sign Permits         | = 3  |
| • Minor/Major Mod      | = 1  |
| Total Planning Permits | = 11 |

Fees collected = \$10,281

## Code Enforcement

New Cases: 7  
Closed: 6  
Ongoing: 10

## Building Division Activity

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|------------------------|-------------|
| • Permits Issued       | = 32        |
| • Valuation            | = \$804,806 |
| • Fees Received        | = \$40,544  |
| • # of Inspections     | = 105       |
| • New Building Permits | = 9         |