



January 20, 2022

Happy belated New Year! As we all settle in to 2022, I wanted to make the community aware of all the work underway in the City. Included in this report is a comprehensive update on the construction work on the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). We appreciate everyone's patience as we progress the pipeline work on Main Street and South Bay Blvd. This newsletter also outlines work going on in the City's departments. We hope you take a look and provide feedback to me should you have questions, ideas, or concerns.

On another note, we have heard from community members about the need to share pertinent information related to COVID-19. With that in mind, this City Manager Update includes a COVID-19 resource page with helpful information about masks, testing, and vaccines/boosters. Please review that information and share with your friends and neighbors. See the next page for details.

Thanks!

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COVID-19 Update

Our City staff and volunteers continue to work closely with San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department, our County's EOC, helping our workforce, volunteers, and citizens to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, the number of daily cases of COVID-19 have reached the highest peak since the onset of the pandemic in recent weeks. According to [SLO County](#), as of January 14, 2022, there were 2,967 new cases from the previous week, 3,573 current active cases, and a 14-day average of 342. That surpasses the previous peak of 331 in January 2021. Those numbers, according to the County, do not include those who test positive through at-home tests or those who cannot access testing. The Omicron variant now represents about 90% of recently sequenced cases in the County.

As a result, the SLO County mask mandate remains in effect. Community members must wear masks indoors in public places where others are present. For those who have questions about which masks are most effective, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a helpful [resource](#). In addition, the County has set up additional COVID-19 testing sites, including Morro Bay Veterans Hall. Tests are available Monday from 7:00 – 11:00am and Tuesday–Friday from 7:00am to 7:00pm, closed for lunch and dinner from 11am-noon and 4:00-5:00pm. Learn more at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/COVID-19.aspx>.

City Hall, the Shasta building (Community Development and Public Works) and the Harbor Office are opened with modified hours Monday through Thursday (8am to 12pm). The Police and Fire administration buildings will remain open during normal business hours. Recreation Services at the Community Center is open Monday – Friday, 9am – 1pm and the Senior Center is open Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm. At this time, staff is working closely with AGP Video to be able to provide for hybrid in-person/virtual City Council meetings in the near future. However, it is unknown at this time when in person meetings will resume. Per current regulations, all community members, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask inside City offices. We appreciate the community's continued patience with our phased re-opening.

Most of the current cases of COVID-19 are related to the Omicron variant, which is spread faster than previous strains of the virus. SLO County and cities within the region, including Morro Bay, are encouraging members of the community to take advantage of vaccines and booster shots. The vaccines are safe, effective and free for all members of the community ages 5 and up. All three COVID-19 vaccines and boosters effectively prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death. The County has a helpful webpage for [vaccine information](#).

With the Omicron variant surging in our region, it is important for everyone to do their part to stop the spread. That means wearing a mask in public indoor settings as well as crowded outdoor settings. [Get tested](#) if you have upper respiratory symptoms, such as sniffles or sneezing, or if you think you may have been exposed. If you test positive, please isolate following the [CDC guidelines](#). If you haven't already done so, get your vaccine, and get a [booster shot](#) if you are eligible. Thank you for doing your part to stay safe and healthy!

Police Operations

✓ **Partnership with Transitions-Mental Health (TMHA)**

This month the Morro Bay Police Department has started a partnership with Transitions Mental Health (THMA). One day a week, a Homeless Support Case Manager will be riding with an officer during the day. This partnership provides mental health and homeless resources to assist some of our most vulnerable individuals.

✓ **Catalytic Converter Theft/Arrests**

Early morning hours on December 20, 2021, MBPD officers located the suspect vehicle that was seen stealing catalytic converters from a neighborhood in Los Osos. The vehicle was stopped in Atascadero where two of the three subjects fled from the vehicle, unable to be located by officers. One suspect (the driver) was taken into custody and charged with multiple counts of theft and failure to yield to officers. A total of eight catalytic converters were recovered.



Community Policing

✓ **Caroling Cops**

Caroling Cops returned this year with Santa and his police motorcycle reindeers. MBPD's holiday cheer made its way through the streets of Morro Bay delivering toys and candy canes to the kids and dog biscuits to our four-legged friends. Santa along with MBPD officers and volunteers handed out over 800 toys during the three-evening event. Special thank you to the Morro Bay Neighborhood Watch group for the continued sponsorship and support of this annual event.



✓ **Leash Up Campaign**

On January 3, 2022, MBPD started a "LEASH UP It's the Law!" campaign. The campaign will run for 30 days and include officers contacting people in parks and around the city to remind them to leash up their dogs if they are seen without leashes. MBPD message boards will be used around our parks to help remind people to leash up their dogs. The city as well as the PD receive complaints on a regular basis regarding unleashed pets in the city. This campaign is to help bring awareness to this issue. During the campaign, officers will make contacts with unleashed dog owners and will also write citations if needed. Our goal is to educate first and seek compliance prior to issuing any citations.

Leash up

It's the law MB MUNI CODE SECTION 7.08.020

It is the law in Morro Bay for all dogs to be on a leash. While walking in a park, around the city, or in your neighborhood, all dogs are required to be on a leash. Leashing your dog in public areas is a simple act that has many positive outcomes:

- Keeps your dog safe from traffic and wildlife
- Prevents bites and fights
- It's courteous to your neighbors and people who do not know your dog's level of obedience
- When used properly, most canines do not mind leashes or collars

Remember, leashing your dog protects the animals and people.

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Fire

Fire Chief Update

The Fire Department responded to 1,859 calls for service in 2021. Of those incidents we responded fire department apparatus 2,946 times. The reason this number is greater is because we send multiple vehicles to certain incidents such as fires and traffic accidents. The breakdown of incident types includes.

- 51 Fires
- 1 Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion (no fire)
- 1,184 Rescue and EMS
- 66 Hazardous Conditions (no fire)
- 253 Service Calls
- 181 Good intent Calls
- 121 False Alarm & False Calls
- 1 Severe Weather



- 1 Special Incident Type

The department has submitted an Assistance to firefighter grant application with FEMA for radios and extrication equipment and is currently completing an application for a SAFER grant to fund 4 Firefighter positions.

Engineer Watson just completed the hazardous Materials Specialist training as well as the Rescue Systems 2 course with Engineer Schechter.



Fire Marshal Update

Burn pile operations in the area of Balboa Street and La Loma Avenue in Black Hill State Park will begin January 10th and go through January 21st as burn days permit. This burn project is part of the Hazard Fuel Reduction and prescribed fire program for vegetation management, fuel load reduction and structure protection for the surrounding residences. State Parks works closely with the local Air Pollution Control Board and Morro Bay Fire

Department to reduce these hazards associated with drought and bug kill in tree mortality areas. Reducing dead and downed trees and slash piles also enhances the health of the native plant communities and increases the defensible space with our

residences adjacent to the State Park. The Morro Bay Fire Department will monitor smoke, and noise concerns at the site and assist with staffing as needed. Burning will not occur if a burn ban is in effect or if the weather or brush conditions are not conducive to burning. For more information Morro Bay Fire Department (805) 772-6242 or Email Fireprevention@morrobayca.gov



Harbor

Harbor Patrol has experienced a marked change in seasons. With the extended rains in late December and the last chance for the recreational rockfish season, which closed on December 31, combined with the holiday crowds, Harbor Patrol staff had their work cut out for them. With boating and water safety being our number one priority, assisting with the Polar Bear Dip in Cayucos was also part of our annual training and inter-agency routine.

Christmas Eve, however, took us all by surprise with the toughest of calls to handle – a fatal shark attack just north of Morro Rock. Staffing was minimal due to the holiday with one full time Harbor Patrol Officer and two part time Reserve Harbor Patrol Officers. The call came in at 10:40 a.m., initially for a surf rescue, but turned quickly into a medical aid for an unresponsive subject in the shallow water. All patrol staff responded to the beach by truck and picked up a Morro Bay Police Officer on the way. Arriving on scene, a female surfer had brought a male body boarder to shore with wounds consistent with a shark attack. Tragically, the victim succumbed to his wounds. Harbor Patrol managed the scene, transported Morro Bay Fire and Paramedics to the location, and later assisted the Sheriff's Coroner transport the victim off the beach before finally being able to clear the scene in the late afternoon.

As soon as possible after the attack, boat and land patrols were made from North Point to the Sandspit to clear all surfers/swimmers out of the water. Signs boards were posted at all beach access points, and MBPD placed the City's two electronic flashing sign trailers at the Rock and Pit warning of a fatal shark attack and that the waters were closed. Waters were kept closed for 24 hours; however, enforcement was not necessary as not a single person attempted go into the water from Morro Bay to Cayucos. It was quite remarkable. After 72 hours the sign boards were removed, but the electronic flashing signs remained through the New Year's holiday weekend to warn the public of the incident.

This incident was tough for all involved and continues to weigh heavy on our ocean-oriented community, and a brutal reminder that the ocean is a wilderness to be entered at your own risk as sharks are known to frequent these waters. We continue to keep the victim's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers, and thank the female surfer, City staff, County staff and State Parks staff who assisted in the response to this tragedy.

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 recently secured Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grant and low-interest loan funding. The City will experience increased costs on the overall project as a result of

project modifications as well as unanticipated issues that delayed initial construction of the pipeline. These issues were discussed during the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget discussions. At this time, it is projected that the total WRF budget will be approximately \$145 million compared to the original projected budget in 2018 of \$126 million. These increases, however, will not impact water and sewer rates for Morro Bay customers.

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. The City also secured a CWSRF \$61 million low-interest loan and \$5 million grant. Both loans were locked in with a near historic low interest rate of 0.9% or under, which will save the City and community over \$1,000,000 annually 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.

WRF Construction Update

This update is comprehensive in nature to help demonstrate how much is involved in this large construction project. The update is segmented into the three major components of the project:

WRF Facility Component



WRF Facility General Update:

1. Overall construction of the WRF facility is about 70% complete
2. Area 10 - Sitework
 - a. Contractor has completed major earthwork operations including filling, compacting, and grading.
 - b. Contractor has installed Class 2 Aggregate Base at all areas to receive asphalt paving.
 - c. Soil Slip Remediation: On January 28, 2021, a cut-slope landslide area reactivated. The DB Team performed site investigations and developed remediation plans. The remediation work was completed during the reporting period. The City will provide on-going inclinometer monitoring.

- d. Contractor has completed yard piping and continues pressure testing underground piping systems.
- e. Contractor continues work on minor service piping, equipment drains, etc.
- f. Electrical Subcontractor completed streetlights, started pulling power cables and control wires through underground duct banks and vaults, and completed all PG&E service connection facilities.



3. Area 20 – Headworks

- a. Continued installation of process piping, valves, supports, appurtenances, handrails, etc., associated with the Headworks equipment including the course screens, grit removal equipment, fine screens, odor control, and SAFE Diversion Box.
- b. Completed concrete drain slabs for dumpsters at course screens, grit classifiers, and fine screens.

4. Area 30 - BNR / MBR Treatment

- a. Installing MBR equipment (Suez) including pumps, blowers, compressors, instruments, panels, etc.
- b. Continued installation of process piping, valves, supports, appurtenances, stairs and platforms, handrails, etc., associated with the BNR Basins, MBR equipment, WAS/Scum Pump Station, etc.
- c. Installing stainless steel Process Air piping for the BNR Basins and MBR equipment.
- d. Installing slide gates, propeller mixer equipment, etc., in the BNR Basins.

5. Area 50 - RO / UV-AOP

- a. Electrical subcontractor continued installing panels, conduits, boxes, etc. in the Electrical Room.
- b. Electrical subcontractor started pulling/terminating power conductors and control wires in panels.

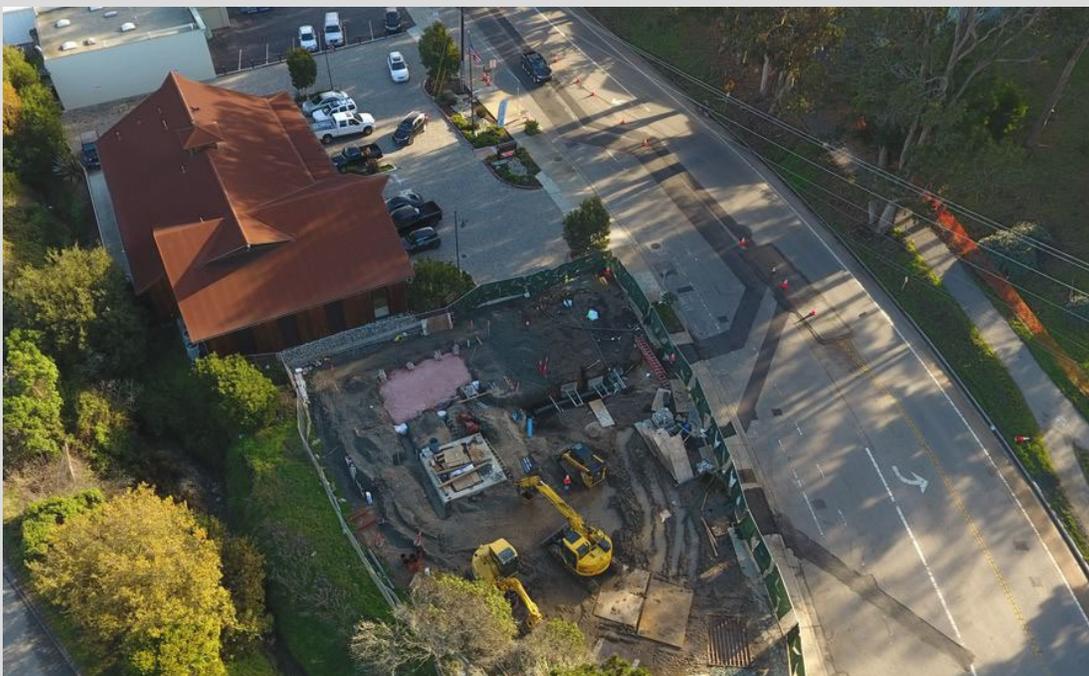
- c. Continued installing Reverse Osmosis (RO) equipment (H2O Innovation) including 3 each RO skids.
 - d. Started installation of Trojan UV Flex (AOP) equipment.
 - e. Continued installing process piping, pipe support racks, HVAC equipment, building amenities, etc.
- 6. Area 60 - Product Water Facilities
 - a. Continued installing Calcite Facility equipment including 2 each Calcite Filter Tanks, Flush Pumps and Backwash Supply Tank, and connecting process piping, valves, supports, etc.
 - b. Continued installation of IPR/Outfall Pump Station equipment including pumps, piping, valves, etc.
- 7. Area 70 - Residuals/Sludge Processing
 - a. Installing Residuals Area (dewatering) equipment including the Belt Filter Press (Charter), sludge pumps, polymer mixing and feed system, process piping, valves, supports, appurtenances, etc.
 - b. Installing SAFE Filter area equipment including the cloth disk filter (Aqua-Aerobics), sludge pumps, backwash pumps, process piping, valves, supports, appurtenances, etc.
 - c. Installing Sludge Holding Tank equipment including blowers (Aerzen), stainless steel Process Air piping, propeller mixer equipment, sludge piping, pipe supports, appurtenances, etc.
- 8. Area 80 - Electrical and Controls
 - a. Electrical subcontractor continued major panel installations in the building including the main switchgear SWB-1, Motor Control Centers 1 & 2, and the main PLC panel.
 - b. Electrical subcontractor continued installing other smaller panels, conduits, boxes, etc.
 - c. Electrical subcontractor started pulling/terminating power conductors and control wires in panels.
 - d. SWB-1 has been inspected/approved by an ICC certified electrical inspector and the City's Building and Safety office has issued the "green-tag" sticker allowing PG&E to connect power.
 - e. Electrical subcontractor has initiated the PG&E service connection and it is anticipated that the site will be powered by late January or early February 2022. This is a major project milestone.
- 9. Area 90 - Chemical Storage and Feed
 - a. Contractor coating containment areas and installing chemical feed pump skids and storage tanks.
 - b. Electrical subcontractor installing power distribution panels/equipment and installing PLC panels.
- 10. Area 95 - Operations Building

- a. Building interior work continued including Break Room and Copy Room cabinets, Control Room console, 54" monitors (multiple), locker room and bathroom fixtures, HVAC equipment, etc.
 - b. Electrical subcontractor installing SCADA server rack, panels, conduits, boxes, etc. in Elect. Room.
 - c. Electrical subcontractor pulling and terminating cable and wire throughout the building
11. Area 96 - Maintenance Building
- a. Building interior work continued including laboratory casework, appliances, doors, bathroom fixtures, HVAC equipment, lighting, electrical, storage racks, fire protection systems, etc.
12. Areas 14, 15, 16, 17 - City Yard Facilities (Canopies, Shed, Storage, etc.)
- a. Completed remaining building erections of roofing and paneling (materials were backordered).
 - b. Installing roll-up doors, pedestrian doors, building amenities, etc., at the Storage Shed
 - c. building.

WRF Facility Issues to Address:

1. The contractor (Filanc/Black & Veatch) is actively working with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to resolve notices of violation related to runoff from the construction site during large rain events, which is the purview of the contractor.

Conveyance Component



Conveyance General Update:

1. Council approved contract amendments for Anvil and Water Works Engineers related to the conveyance (pipeline) component of the project. The increases were necessary to meet new requirements for the pump station generators and a few other items. Increases were approved on January 11, 2022 (agenda link: <https://www.morrobay.ca.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/5820>, Item C-2)
2. Overall construction of the conveyance component (pipeline and pump stations) is approximately 55% complete.
3. Pump Station-A
 - a. Structural fill placement ongoing
 - b. Still behind due to early dewatering issues but catching up
4. Pump Station-B
 - a. Surface prep work for above-grade structures is ongoing
 - b. On track and no schedule concerns at this time
4. Bike Path Jack and Bore
 - a. No activity until carrier pipe installation sub has completed microtunnel work and moves to this location
5. Pipe Bridge
 - a. EPA, SHPO, and the City resolved all outstanding issues and work will begin on 24-Jan-22
 - b. Bike path will be closed at Atascadero Rd and the southeast corner of Lila Keiser Park near the bike path will be closed for bridge abutment construction
 - c. Bike path and bike bridge are anticipated to be reopened in fall 2022
6. Main St Pipeline Heading
 - a. On track and going well
 - b. Work is now on east side of street in SB Main St
 - c. Anticipate being off Main St and working toward bike path within next 2 weeks
 - d. There will be fallback work for FO pull boxes, Culligan connection, and replacement of a storm sewer before final completion; this work isn't currently accurately scheduled
7. Roundabout Microtunnel
 - a. Carrier pipe installation has been completed and work in Las Tunas is currently on hold pending crew availability
8. Quintana Heading (between microtunnel and South Bay)
 - a. IPR construction in this area will resume after South Bay Blvd work has been completed
 - b. Speed limits in this area are reduced and there are several areas with steel road plates and rough pavement
 - c. Be patient, go slow, expect intermittent delays for Anvil crews restricting traffic to maintain temporary paving and road plates, and follow flaggers' direction during any construction activities

9. South Bay Blvd Heading

- a. South Bay Blvd between Quintana Rd and the SB Hwy 1 ramps closed on 27-Dec-21 and is anticipated to reopen in early- to mid-March depending on weather conditions
- b. Detour route uses Quintana Rd, Morro Bay Blvd, and Hwy 1
- c. Currently working with Caltrans on handling Hwy 1 ramp traffic while construction is directly impacting the ramps

Conveyance Issues to Address:

1. Bike path tree removal
 - a. Requested removal of 28 additional trees from CCC, to meet regulatory requirements related to pipeline separation
 - b. CCC requested additional information
 - c. Finalizing memo to justify removal based on a variety of issues including tree health and future public safety
 - d. Landscape architect preparing conceptual rendering of restoration possibilities
2. Backup generator modifications
 - a. Council approved change order
 - b. APCD currently finalizing their assessment and approval
3. Atascadero Road Gravity Sewer
 - a. Splitting out into standalone item
 - b. Currently evaluating options to reconfigure gravity sewer and joint trench alignments to simplify construction of gravity sewer construction to reduce construction impacts and costs
4. Overall cost and schedule
 - a. Working with Filanc Black&Veatch and Anvil on schedule for overall startup
 - b. Pipe bridge construction is the critical path; don't anticipate completion until later this year, which provides an opportunity for operation staff to conduct extended clean-water testing and operation
 - c. Currently working with Anvil on cost adjustments for SLO-16 redesign and archaeological clearance

WRF Injection Well Component (Water Recycling Facilities) Update

Design work continues on the injection well component of the WRF program. Initial modeling, completed several years ago, showed that the project may be able to produce up to 80% of the City's drinking water needs. Further testing will determine ultimately how much potable water can be produced, and precisely where injection wells will need to be sited. More information to come in 2022.

Utilities Division

Staff installs solar power at pump. The dead-end of Errol Street is home to a critical water distribution valve that serves North Morro Bay residents by supplying water the Elena Tanks and the Blanca and Nutmeg pumps. This former well site has gradually been reduced in size and today only houses a control valve. To reduce energy costs and enhance power grid independence, PG&E service was removed and replaced by an “off-grid” solar powered control station. This project was designed, built, and installed completely by Utilities staff. The updated control station offers remote control, notifications, and historical data logging. The Utilities Division plans to expand controls to allow for remote flow and pressure monitoring.



Maintenance & Operations

The Maintenance Division and City completed installation of 941 LED light tubes, replacing the fluorescent light bulbs in eight City facilities, including the Community Center, Vets Hall, Teen Center, Shasta, City Hall, City Hall Annex, Police Station, and Corp Yard. Because LED bulbs use approximately half the energy and last 5-10 times longer than fluorescent bulbs, the City will save money on energy and maintenance costs in the long term. The project was made possible through a PG&E rebate program that allowed the City to purchase the LED bulbs at a reduced upfront costs.



Solid Waste & Recycling

SB 1383, the most aggressive waste reduction law to be adopted in California for the past 30 years, took effect with the New Year. The new regulations establish statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction goals focusing on reducing the amount of organic material disposed of in landfills as well as recovering edible food for human consumption that is currently disposed of in landfills. The regulations apply to all persons and entities that generate organic materials, such as food scraps and plant trimmings. For residents, it means disposing of food scraps in a different container for collection while for commercial entities and non-local entities, such as schools, it means subscribing to organics collection services or an edible food recovery program, unless the entity qualifies for a waiver. An Education Packet with more information will be going out to all generators in the coming weeks. Contact the SLO Integrated Waste Management Authority at (805) 782-8530 or visit their website, www.iwma.com to learn more.



Engineering

Recruitments: Late last year, Public Works opened a recruitment for an Engineering Tech and a City Engineer. Both positions together will have the effect of adding capacity to plan and implement capital projects as well as increase responsiveness to the development review process. These positions are currently vacant, and the Department hopes to add two new engineering employees to the team by the end of February.

Administration (Finance and IT)

Finance

- The City was informed that we received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The report was judged by an impartial panel as meeting the high standards of the program, which require the City's reporting to clearly communicate its financial story. It is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment.
- As an action item addressing one of Council's stated goals of fiscal sustainability and economic viability, Council approved preliminary steps to address the City's unfunded pension liability at its January 11th meeting. This discussion will continue during the budget process this spring.
- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 budget process is around the corner. It will kickoff with a General Fund fiscal forecast presentation in February and culminate with budget adopted in June.

Water and Sewer Billing

- The City was successful in receiving over \$223,000 from the State's Community Water System COVID Relief Program. These funds will be credited back to customers' accounts that experienced arrearages due to COVID-19. Not only will this assist customers who are eligible to be directly credited, but it will assist all customers and the Water Fund overall by ensuring that ratepayers will not be subsidizing water arrearages caused by COVID.
- The State moratorium preventing water shutoffs, which was established by the Governor's Executive Order N-42-20, expired on December 31, 2021. As a result, the City will return to operating under the State guidance of Senate Bill 998, which outlines several steps that the City must take prior to shutting off water.
- Payment plans are available if customers need additional time to bring bills current.
- With the moratorium ending the City will also be reinstating penalties on past due accounts starting in February. A utility discount program is available for qualifying customers (applications are online).

City Clerk

The City of Morro Bay will hold a Special Municipal Election on June 7, 2022, to elect a Council Member to fill the remainder of the term ending December 2024. At the September 14, 2021, meeting, the Council appointed Jennifer Ford to temporarily fill the Council Member seat resulting from the passing of Council Member Robert "Red" Davis; however, Measure "R" passed by Morro Bay residents in 2006 requires a special election be called so that Morro Bay voters can elect the person to fill a Council vacancy for the remainder of the term.

The nomination period for this office begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11. Please visit the City [website](#) or contact the City Clerk's office at cityclerk@morrobayca.gov or (805) 772-6568 for more information.

Recreation

Administration

Facilities

The Morro Bay Community Center (MBCC) and Veterans Memorial Building are open and ready for reservations! Our parks and facilities are now bustling with classes, activities, and other reservations such as birthday parties, celebrations, and the like. Currently we are hosting COVID-19 testing at the Veterans Building and anticipate their services will be offered through March 2021.

The MBCC is seeing some interior changes. Our building dedication plaque has been removed and will be relocated to the exterior of the building. This move will allow for an interactive monitor to be placed in the foyer to be used to advertise events, activities, and programs. This monitor is part of the City community grant received by the seniors. Also, our MB Dowdle Puzzle is now on display in the MBCC lobby!



Events

We are looking forward to Surf Competition Season starting up in February – we will be hosting the SLO CAL Open, which is a qualifying event for the World Surf League. This event showcases how great our surf is and puts our little town on a worldwide stage. This event will be followed up by our long-standing local competition, The Big, Bad, and Ugly.

2020 Men's Champion
TARO WATANABE
Photo: Jan Reis

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 &
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 MB RECREATION SERVICES

Seniors

January brings new hope that this year will be better than the last one! After a slow start when we reopened in June the participation numbers reached pre-pandemic numbers by December. Many seniors are already excited to start the new Cuesta classes, which begin January 18, and we are expanding the course selection this semester by adding Yoga to the schedule. MBAA...55+ has also seen a resurgence in membership and currently has over 600 members and growing daily.

The new year will also feature the continuation of our health series with presentations already scheduled in Dementia recognition, meditation techniques and a new phone service available to benefit seniors.



Classes

Our Winter Community Classes are back! If you want to learn a new skill or start the new year off on a healthy start, come out and try one of our classes. All classes can be tried out on a drop-in basis, come out and start the new year off right!



Winter 2022
MORRO BAY RECREATION SERVICES

COMMUNITY CLASSES

Creating Community Between People, Parks, and Programs.

Available classes

- Zumba with Carmen
 - Mon, Tues, & Thurs. 6:00-7:00PM
- Freestyle Fitness with Jenny
 - Weds. & Fri. 9:00-10:00AM
- Pilates with Carol
 - Mon. & Fri. 9:30-10:30AM
- Tang Soo Do
 - Mon. & Weds. 6:00-8:30PM
- Commit Dance Fitness with Sally
 - Mon. & Weds. 4:45-5:45PM
- Okinawan Karate
 - Tues. & Thurs. 6:30-8:30PM
- Quilt Fever
 - Various Times & Dates

Find something for everyone!
Sign Up today!
Register at
the Morro Bay Recreation Office
M-F 9:00am - 1:00pm.

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Aquatics Programs



Pool

At the end of the month, we are excited to be offering an American Red Cross Lifeguarding course in partnership with Morro Bay High School's Career Technical Education classes. Participants in this course will be eligible to be hired as a pool lifeguard immediately upon completion. The Lifeguard Certification includes Lifeguarding, CPR/AED for the professional rescuers, First Aid, Epi and Asthma Training, Emergency Oxygen, and First Aid for the Public Safety Personnel (T-22). First Aid for Public Safety personnel covers the CPR and First Aid that beach guard candidates need for the ULSA Beach Guard Academy taking place this spring. This is an exciting program for not only our MB aquatic community but the entire county as lifeguards are in great demand! We hope that continuing this program helps inspire the next generation of professional rescuers, alleviate the lifeguard shortage that all facilities are feeling, and builds a water safer community.

The Morro Bay Aquatic Center Winter programs are back in action! The maintenance window was completed on time and successfully. Lessons will return in February and will come back with a revamped registration process. We are excited to announce that we will be offering mid-day master's swim Fridays from 12:30 -1:30pm, in addition to our current master's swim schedule of Monday and Wednesday 6:30am - 7:30am. Lap Swim and Aqua Aerobics schedules will remain the same, which are a big hit and in high demand as a safe workout.

Please note the pool will be closed the next three Sundays due to Morro Bay High School programming:

- Sunday, January 23
- Sunday, January 30
- Sunday, February 6

Youth Sports

The Estero Bay Youth Basketball League is now fully in season as we approach the second week of games. We held preseason a meeting for the coaches of our 34 teams on November 23rd to outline conducting our basketball season outdoors for the first time ever. Coaches were given equipment, team rosters, season expectations and instructed to start practices as soon as they were ready. We combined our teams with Cambria's to accommodate players from neighboring communities that otherwise may not have been able to play. Not including Cambria's players, we have 257 youth in grades 2-8 playing basketball.



Softball signups are now fully underway! We are offering girls ages 4-14 the chance to play in our Estero Bay Girls Softball League. Signups will go through the end of this month, with opening day happening right after our basketball season ends on March 12th.

**ESTERO BAY GIRLS
SOFTBALL**

Registration Opens: 12/15/2021
Closes: 01/28/2022
Register online @
apmactivecommunities.com/morrobay

Who
Girls Age 5-18
Cambria, Cayucos, Morro Bay, Los Osos

Cost
\$155 MB Residents
\$140 Non-Residents
\$105 for 6th

2nd Child in Same Family Discount \$5 off
Scholarships are available
Contact:
cguy@morrobayca.gov or kzink@morrobayca.gov

Youth Services

Kids' Club

Kids' Club closed during the Winter Break, but Youth Services hosted Holiday Hangouts. We ran two different camps, Holiday Hangouts: Winter Edition and All Sports Edition. The first week the kids had the chance to make gingerbread houses, enjoy a pajama, movie, and popcorn day, and celebrated the New Year with a Happy Noon Year Party. The second week we introduced our first collaboration between the Youth Services and Youth Sports at our All Sports camp. Campers were introduced to our benchmark youth sports and taught the fundamentals, learned skills, and had the opportunity to compete in each sport. We look forward to hosting more sports camps in the future.

Kids' Club resumed on Monday, January 10th, and we look forward to a healthy and fun second half of the school year.



Rockies Teen Center and Teen Action Committee

Rockies Teen Center has remained closed since March 13, 2020, and will remain closed this school year.

Community Development



News: The Planning Commission restarted review of the Draft Zoning Code in December which is anticipated to extend into the February/March timeframe before moving on to the City Council for adoption.

The Hampton Inn project on Atascadero Road has entered the framing phase of construction and the Harbor Walk Plaza project at 833 Embarcadero is setting up to start the demolition phase of the project. Both projects are pictured above.

Planning Division Activity

Planning Commission:

Dec. 7, 2021: Review of Draft Zoning Code update. ACTION: PC reviewed and provided input

1001 Front Street; Review of annual waterfront market.

Action: PC reviewed and provided comment

Dec. 21, 2021: PC continued review of a waterfront design memo to be utilized in association with redevelopment projects on the waterfront.

Planning Permits

- Use Permits = 1
- Coastal Dev. Permits = 4
- Min/Maj mod. = 2
- Sign Permit = 1

Total Permits = 8

Fees collected = \$18,433

Code Enforcement

New Cases: 13
Closed: 9
Open: 4
Ongoing: 12

Building Division Activity

- Permits Issued = 30
- Valuation = \$2,256,693
- Fees Received = \$152,654
- # of Inspections = 77
- New Permits = 11