



**June 26, 2023**

Happy Monday, and almost Happy Birthday to America! The 4th of July is just around the corner, and we hope you can come out and join the fun on the 4<sup>th</sup> at Tidelands Park. The [Family Fun Day event](#), which includes live music, food and drink and other entertainment for all ages runs from 10 am – 5 pm on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

This update includes important information regarding the following:

### **Morro Bay City Council Selects Yvonne Kimball as Next City Manager**

The City of Morro Bay is pleased to announce the selection of Yvonne Kimball as its next City Manager, effective August 14, 2023. The City Council made the appointment following an extensive recruitment process conducted by Mosaic Public, a public employee executive search firm. Yvonne will replace Scott Collins, who left the City in March 2023.

A total of 41 applicants applied for the position, with six candidates interviewed by the City Council in closed session. The City Council selected two finalists after the first day of interviews. On the second day of interviews, the finalists participated in a series of interviews with different stakeholders who provided their feedback to the City Council. After an additional interview with City Council, and comprehensive background and reference checks, Yvonne Kimball was selected as the new City Manager by City Council.

*"I am delighted to welcome Yvonne Kimball as the new city manager of Morro Bay. Her impressive track record of success and her commitment to public service make her an excellent choice for this important role. I am confident that Yvonne will bring fresh ideas and a collaborative approach to our city government. We look forward to working with her to build a brighter future for Morro Bay. Please join me in congratulating Yvonne on her appointment and welcoming her to our community."* Mayor Wixom.

Yvonne Kimball brings 15 years of experience in city management to Morro Bay. She currently serves as the City Manager for Jackson, CA, a position she has held since 2017. The City of Jackson is a full-service city

with a population of 5,000 residents in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. As the City Manager of Jackson, Kimball was responsible for overseeing all operations, implementing a \$20 million dollar budget of capital improvement projects, including a \$12 million dollar sewer plant improvement project, and a \$10 million dollar operational budget, negotiating and managing contracts, and coordinating economic development.

Prior to her current role, Kimball was the Town Manager at the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, AZ, from 2012 to 2017 and City Manager at the City of Bowling Green, FL, from 2008 to 2011.

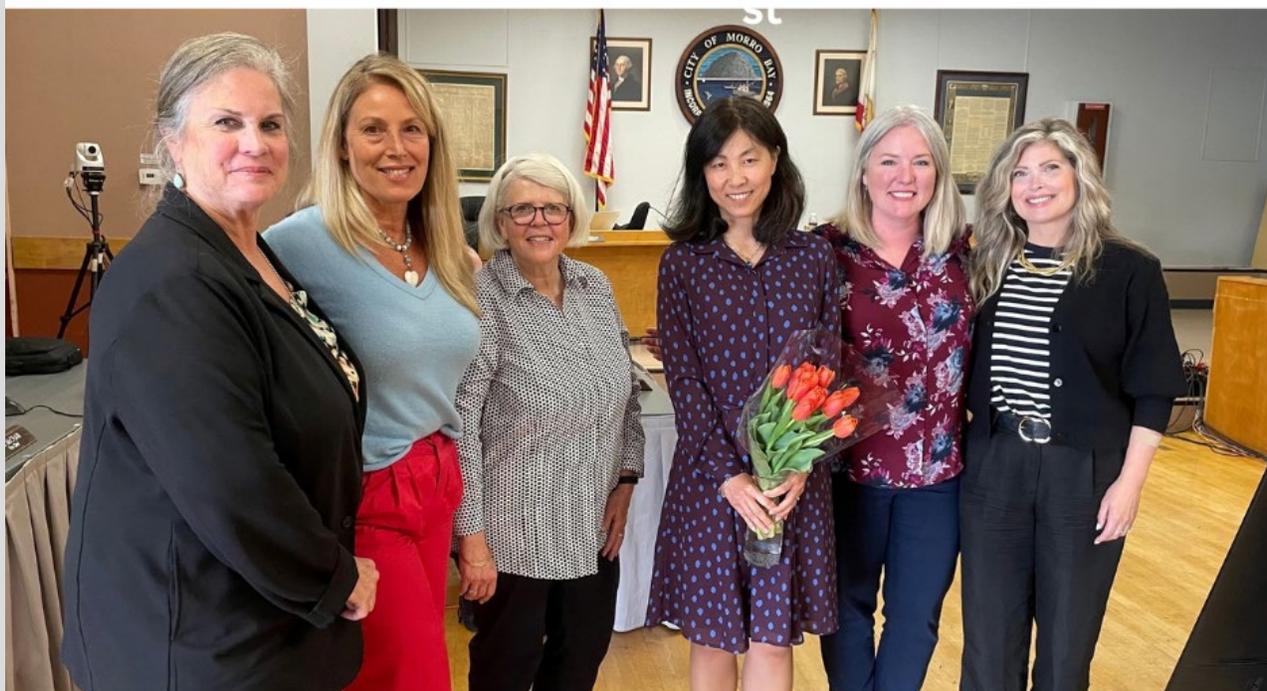
Ms. Kimball holds a Master of Public Administration degree with a focus on Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Central Florida and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business English from the Tianjin Institute of Technology in China.

*"I am honored to have been selected to be the next city manager for Morro Bay. I'm humbled by the responsibilities and the enormous trust bestowed upon me. I pledge to lead this incredible team of city staff with exuberance, to support the City Council with a full heart, and to serve the community with dedication. My family and I are grateful for the warm welcome extended by Mayor Wixom, members of the City Council, city staff and the community. We look forward to calling Morro Bay our home."* Yvonne Kimball.

The City Council looks forward to welcoming Yvonne Kimball to Morro Bay and working collaboratively with her to serve the community. The City Council expresses its gratitude to Greg Carpenter who has served as the Interim City Manager for the last several months.



## Morro Bay City Council Appoints New City Manager, Yvonne Kimball starting August 14, 2023



From left: Mayor Carla Wixom, Council Member Zara Landrum, Council Member Laurel Barton, Yvonne Kimball, Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Ford, and Council Member Cyndee Edwards.

## **Morro Bay City Manager Focus Areas**

Morro Bay will soon have a new City Manager with Yvonne Kimball starting on August 14. I believe that Yvonne will certainly have an interesting, rewarding and challenging job. There are a multitude of challenges, big and small, facing every City manager and Morro Bay has some that are unique and some that are universal. In my experience, the job actually gets more difficult every year with changing regulations, increasing demands and stretched resources. So where do you begin and what do you focus on? Here are my thoughts on some of the big-picture focus areas:

### **Ensuring Long-Term Financial Health**

On the positive side, due to the location and natural beauty, the city is a great tourist and travel destination. This helps a great deal with sales tax and Transient Occupancy/hotel taxes. Property taxes are relatively dependable, and the City brings in a good amount of revenue for its size.

The challenge is that as a small, full-service city that operates 24 hours a day, 365 days per year – the city is expensive to operate. On top of operations, the City must fund the maintenance and improvement of roads, sidewalks, street trees, sewer and water pipes, public buildings and a harbor. This challenge is further exacerbated by the age of the public improvements, many of which predate the formation of the city. The city was able to adopt a balanced and positive budget for next year based, including investments in this infrastructure. That was possible using unspent and available funds from prior years. However, in the mid-term and long-term financial forecasts, there simply is not enough revenue to cover the costs of both the services and the maintenance of public facilities and infrastructure. While Measure E, which voters passed in 2020, has helped the city continue to deliver core services, it is insufficient to address the needed infrastructure improvements. The next City Manager will need to work with the city's management team and the City Council to develop a strategy to address this challenge. That likely includes continuing to control costs while promoting economic development both by leveraging the industries that are currently in town and looking at publicly acceptable development opportunities to diversify the business base.

### **Maintaining Community Character while Accepting Change**

You all know that Morro Bay is a unique place, that's why you live here. Luckily, the city has very good bones - you're surrounded by open space and public lands, the beach/bay/ocean, you have walkable neighborhoods and a Downtown, wide tree-lined streets, a waterfront and mostly nice public facilities and schools.

Change is inevitable, from both internal and external forces that impact California cities. Change is not always entirely within local or governmental control. Properties change hands, new businesses arrive, and others leave, the economy swings back and forth and population shifts occur. The challenge is maintaining the character-defining elements of the city while allowing or, sometimes encouraging, change to occur. The city is facing significant potential change with the former power plant site, the decommissioning of the former wastewater treatment plant, the Elementary School property and offshore wind farms. The city will need to determine how these opportunities can benefit the local community and then ensure that the transition occurs in an acceptable and complementary way.

### **Strengthening Relationship with the Community**

Across the nation, trust in government, and the relationship between the public and their representatives feels like it's at an all-time low. While it may take time to build trust at the state and national level, I think it can be accomplished at the local level more quickly.

In my brief experience in Morro Bay, I've found myself working for and with dedicated, conscientious and professional individuals that want to work hard and accomplish what's best for the City. Despite these good intentions, there are times when there's disagreement about the best course of action. This disagreement is a healthy part of the democratic process that is necessary to solve problems - it shouldn't lead to a lack of trust or questioning of individual motivation. What's important for the City Manager is ensuring that the public has an opportunity to be involved and well informed when decisions are being contemplated, that the appropriate amount of time is provided in the process of decision-making, that options and recommendations are well formulated, and the direction of the City Council is executed in a timely and effective way.

There is a lot more to say about the challenges, but I also shouldn't lose sight of the fact that serving the public, and working with other dedicated public servants is a privilege. There are challenging periods but overall, it's a rewarding profession where individuals can make a difference and feel good about their contribution.

Hope you enjoy the City updates below.

Sincerely,

Greg Carpenter  
Interim City Manager – [gcarpenter@morrobayca.gov](mailto:gcarpenter@morrobayca.gov)

## Police

### Annual Department Meeting

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Morro Bay Police Department gathered at the Morro Bay Yacht Club to hold the Annual Department Meeting. Officers, Staff, and Volunteers participated in the meeting where Department and individual photos were taken, a department update was provided by the Chief, and annual awards were given for outstanding work by staff during 2022. Staff honored at this year's event was Officer Luis Martinez - Officer of the Year, Support Services Manager Bonnie Johnson - Employee of the Year (pictured), Volunteer Susan Johnson - Volunteer of the Year, and Miguel Salgado Martinez - Police Explorer of the Year. Additional awards were given to officers for their outstanding service to the community. Sergeant Will Marvos and Officer Daniel Palumbo received the Life Saving Award for performing a water rescue of a man who had fallen into the harbor, Officer Christian Galaz received the Case of the Year for his investigation and arrest of a residential burglary suspect.



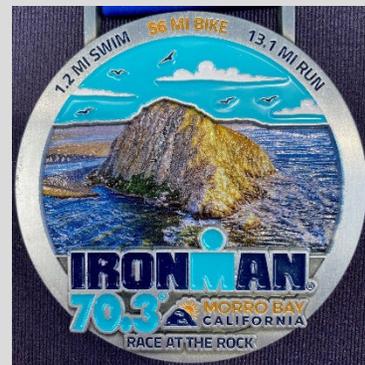
### Peace Officer Memorial Day

Members of the Morro Bay Police Department Honor Guard participated in this year's San Luis Obispo County's Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony hosted by the Paso Robles Police Department. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. The annual memorial pays tribute to all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty during the past year in California. The event included an honor guard ceremony, a 21-gun salute, the national anthem, and a memorable display of the distinguished flag of the United States of America.



### **IRONMAN 70.3 Morro Bay**

The inaugural IRONMAN 70.3 Morro Bay 2023 Triathlon was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The event was safe, organized, and enjoyed good overall community support. The event welcomed two thousand athletes and an additional five thousand spectators to our community during the weekend. Athletes and their families arrived the week prior to settle in, register, and practice the course. The event took place on Saturday bringing thousands of people to the Embarcadero. Prior to the event, the city team hosted two community meetings, met one on one businesses along the Embarcadero and the racecourse to discuss road closures, potential impacts, and opportunities for businesses to capitalize on the increased visitors to the community. The Morro Bay Police Department partnered with our County Law Enforcement Partners to organize a safe event for participants, spectators, and the community. Over 70 law enforcement officers from sixteen law enforcement organizations throughout San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties participated in the event providing traffic control, road closures, special safety response, and communications during the ten-hour event. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event and making it a success.



## Pizza with the Police

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, your Morro Bay Police Department enjoyed delicious pizza and good conversations with our community thanks to the support of Pizza Port. Thank you to everyone who came out to say hello and connect with your officers. Pizza with the Police is an opportunity to reach community members who may not be able to join us for events such as Coffee with a Cop. The mission is the same, break down barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve.



## Tony Mosqueda Promoted to Morro Bay Police Commander

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, a badge pinning ceremony was held at the Morro Bay Veteran's Hall for the promotion of Tony Mosqueda to Police Commander. Commander Tony Mosqueda began his law enforcement career in May of 2005 with the Farmersville Police Department. With the Farmersville Police Department Tony worked as a patrol officer, detective and was promoted to Police Corporal in 2014. Tony joined the Morro Bay Police Department in December of 2014. Tony has been assigned to patrol, detectives, and promoted to the rank of sergeant in November of 2015. Tony served as the department Administration Sergeant and currently serves as the department's Range Master and Acting Commander.

Tony resides in Atascadero with his wife and four children. Tony enjoys spending time barbequing with his family and friends and watching sports, preferably in person. Whenever he has the time, Tony enjoys deep sea fishing in Morro Bay.



## Morro Bay Police Department Participates in the SLO Special Olympics Torch Run

Officers from the Morro Bay Police Department joined Special Olympics of Southern California – San Luis Obispo County for the Special Olympics Torch Run held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We love being a part of and showing our support for the amazing athletes who participate in the Special Olympics each year. It is an honor to run alongside the athletes and our county law enforcement partners.



## Fireworks in Morro Bay

Of course, everyone looks forward to having fun over the Fourth of July! And, of course, Fireworks can be fun, awe-inspiring, and immensely entertaining - when properly handled. The Morro Bay Fire Department wants to make sure its community and visitors know how to stay safe while enjoying the holiday and wants to remind everyone about firework safety and the permitted and prohibited use of fireworks. The City of Morro Bay Municipal Code 14.08.090 permits the use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks on private property only within the City limits. Fireworks are not permitted on public property such as our streets, parking lots, our parks, or our beaches. All uses of "Illegal fireworks" are prohibited within our city, which include bottle rockets, aerial shells, firecrackers, and sky lanterns.

Fire Marshal Matt Vierra states, "A great rule of thumb to quickly determine if a firework is illegal is - if it goes up in the air, darts across the ground or moves on the ground in an uncontrollable manner and explodes - it is dangerous and illegal." The California Health and Safety Code, Section 12505, defines "illegal fireworks" as fireworks that do not have the State Fire Marshal's "Safe and Sane" seal placed on them. Per Morro Bay Municipal Code 14.08.090, any use of illegal fireworks in Morro Bay or improper use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks in Morro Bay will result in a \$1,000 citation, including first time offenses. If your celebrations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July include the use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks, Morro Bay Fire Department has the following tips:



- ✓ Always have an adult present.
- ✓ Use of "Safe and Sane" outdoors only.
- ✓ Never use fireworks near dry grass.
- ✓ Light one at a time and keep a safe distance.
- ✓ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- ✓ Have a bucket of water and a hose close by.
- ✓ Never attempt to re-light or fix fireworks.
- ✓ Never carry fireworks in your pockets.

Members of the Morro Bay Fire, Harbor and Police Departments will be working with our community ensuring public safety during this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend celebrations; with officers, firefighters, and harbor personnel patrolling citywide. We are hopeful everyone will be safe with lawful fireworks and will comply with the provisions of the municipal code.

Have a safe fun-filled July 4th celebration!

## Harbor

### **Morro Bay Co-Hosts Two Day Offshore Wind Visit**

The City of Morro Bay along with REACH (Regional Economic Action Coalition) and the Chamber of Commerce hosted a two-day visit by the three lessees of the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area. The three winning leases include Equinor Wind, Invenergy, and Central California Offshore Wind. The first day of the tour was held at Port San Luis and Diablo Canyon. The second day was dedicated to touring Morro Bay Harbor by vessel and several areas on land. The on-land portion viewed the former Wastewater Treatment Plant, Vistra Intake Building and the PG&E substation.

Representatives from the City, Harbor, County, State, Governor's Office, and Federal Government were all present for this active day. After the water and land tours completed the representatives met for lunch on the Chablis. During lunch they were treated to a presentation by the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. The day concluded with Morro Bay Commercial Fishing Organization and Tribal Meetings.

This event has allowed Morro Bay to develop relationships with the local individuals from each company that have been assigned the responsibility to analyze the surrounding areas and communicate with the stakeholders.

## Public Works

The Elena Slope Repair and Utilities Replacement Project, which started in February, was recently completed in June. The project was awarded by the City Council at the January 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting which coincided with the heavy storm period of January. The site was protected with visqueen to minimize further slope damage during the storms while the contract and a Notice to Proceed was issued soon after contract award was authorized. The total construction contract, including contingency, was for \$412,000 with Rehak General Engineering of Auberry, California. Work was completed for \$402,000 with \$10,000 of contingency to spare. The project work included the excavation, removal, and replacement of a failed 18-inch diameter storm drainpipe and at the same time replacement of an aged 6-inch vitrified clay pipe sewer line in the same utility easement. The site conditions were very complex with all the residual moisture in the soil from the rains, but the contractor was able to stabilize the work area and build the wall after rains subsided. The bulk of the contingency was used for the import of structural backfill materials due to unsuitable soil found on site to be placed behind the wall, additional lengths of pipe that needed to be replaced on Koa and Juniper Streets, hydroseed and additional erosion control. In addition to new pipelines, the area was stabilized by the construction of a reinforced concrete, cast-in-place gravity retaining wall with placed drainage media and backfill. Funding for the project was budgeted through the general capital and sewer funds.



**Before**



**After**

The City Park Transit Hub Improvement project is nearing completion, and the Public Works Department will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. to celebrate the new transit hub that serves the City's local Morro Bay Transit service, intercity Regional Transit Authority (RTA) service, and San Luis

Coastal Unified School District school bus service. This project has been in the works since 2018 when an initial study was conducted to evaluate existing conditions of the 1980's era shelter and transit boarding area to identify potential improvements. Over the course of several years, staff applied for and received \$437,583 in State of Good Repair and Rural Transit Fund grants through the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments to use with \$86,554 in local State Transit monies the City receives to fund the various improvements to this important hub serving local, regional, and school transportation services. When complete, the project will address deficiencies relating to lighting, ADA, safety, and seating capacity. Improvements have been made to vehicle pull in/pull out, wheelchair loading/unloading area, construction of new passenger shelters with improved visibility, installation of new benches, bike racks, and lights, as well as ADA improvements to the sidewalk where transit vehicles pull in, crosswalk ramps at either end of the transit hub, and sidewalk access from the transit hub to the public restroom. Additionally, four new trees were planted to replace the two trees that needed to be removed due to the uplifting of curb and sidewalks. The construction phase of the project is scheduled to be completed on time and within budget.

After the construction phase is completed in the next few days, staff will begin work on the art phase of the project designed to replace the previous shelter's artwork with a new art component on the new passenger shelters. A Call for Artists will be developed and released requesting interested artists submit concepts for a mural or mosaic to be installed on the new transit shelters. The submitted concepts will be brought to the Public Works Advisory Board, tentatively this September, for review and recommendation to the City Council on the artist concept for selection.



Before



After

## Administration (Finance, HR, IT, Clerk)

### Adopted Budget for FY 2023-24

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Morro Bay City Council adopted the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operating and Capital Budget, which funds all City services and capital projects from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The budget makes key investments in operations, City staff, capital improvements, and paying down pension liabilities, while also preserving healthy financial reserves to weather future emergencies and economic downturns. Members of the community can access the budget in digital or printable PDF format at <https://www.morrobayca.gov/827/Budget>

The FY 2023-24 expenditure budget of \$56.1 million includes \$36.6 million for operations and \$19.5 million for capital improvements (excluding transfers between funds). The budget funds core services including police, fire, water, sewer, parks, roads, recreation, community development, code enforcement, and harbor; supporting administrative services such as human resources, information technology, and finance; and 31 capital projects to improve our shared built environment. A portion of the robust capital improvement budget will fund efforts to repair infrastructure damaged by the winter storms. The capital budget also invests \$2.1 million in street paving, a higher level than in prior years, and \$13.8 million in water and sewer capital infrastructure projects (\$6.8 million for the final components of the Water Reclamation Facility project and the remainder for crucial sewer main replacement work and other priority utilities projects). Smaller amounts are allocated to sidewalk improvements and street tree replacements, Veteran's Hall improvements, storm drain maintenance, the design of a remodel of the living quarters at the old Bonita Street Fire Station, and trash/recycling can replacements, among other projects.

The budget also funds action items to achieve the Strategic Planning goals established by the City Council, including: Improving public infrastructure, Achieving economic vitality, Addressing housing needs and homelessness response, and Improving community engagement.

The City has largely recovered from the economic impacts of the pandemic although recent events related to storm damage and national economic cooling have negatively impacted our financial situation. The City's major revenue sources, particularly those tied to discretionary spending and tourism, had recovered to pre-pandemic levels but are now flattening. Measure E, passed by Morro Bay voters in 2020, continues to support the City's ability to deliver core public safety services and make progress toward addressing infrastructure needs, though infrastructure needs continue to exceed funds available.

Given macroeconomic uncertainty on the horizon and expenditure growth outpacing revenue growth, the City's strong financial reserves in all its funds (totaling over \$14 million citywide) would help the City weather a future emergency or recession. This budget also includes \$1 million investment into a pension trust fund to help lower the City's pension liability.

Lastly, the FY 2023-24 is presented in an interactive web-based format to make it easier for community members to track their investment in the City. To learn more about the Budget, please visit: <https://www.morro-bay.ca.us/827/Budget>.

[Interactive Digital Budget Book](#)

# City of Morro Bay

## 2023-2025 Goals and Short Term Actions



### CITY PURPOSE

In order to preserve the high quality of life in Morro Bay, the City's purpose is to provide essential public service and infrastructure to maintain a safe, clean and healthy place for residents and visitors to live, work and play. To achieve that purpose, the City invests the vast majority of its resources in services such as city planning, infrastructure maintenance and improvement, public safety, public utilities, recreation services, and the internal financial, human resources, and technology to support these public services.

### CITY GOALS, GOAL STATEMENTS, AND SHORT-TERM ACTION ITEMS

The City is able to successfully provide these core services thanks to community support

and volunteerism that resource and supplement the City's talented professional staff. As a result of this success, the City is also able to dedicate some resources to address the emerging challenges and future-facing opportunities. In April 2023, the City Council adopted four (4) City goals and twenty-seven corresponding short-term action items. The City goals each have goal statements that outline what the City aims to achieve. The short-term action items are the area of focus related to the goals that the City will work on in Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 (all listed below). Combining the City's work on core services with future oriented goals will help ensure our community remains a great place to live, work and play for current and future generations.



## CITY COUNCIL GOALS

### 1. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

### 2. ECONOMIC VITALITY

### 3. HOUSING / HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

### 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE



## GOAL STATEMENTS:

- (1) Assess and provide report on state of infrastructure including streets, sewer lines, sidewalks, storm drains and Harbor infrastructure.
- (2) January 2023 storm response and future mitigation.
- (3) Repair, update and enhance Veterans Hall so it can continue to serve the community.
- (4) Striping program to improve sidewalks, crosswalks & accessible parking.

## SHORT-TERM ACTIONS

- Street Paving
- Complete Capital Needs Assessments
- Complete Development Impact Fee Study
- Update Council Chamber: *AV upgrades, web-based agenda management system for closed captioning and improved accessibility for visually impaired*
- Prioritize storm recovery efforts, maximizing FEMA/insurance reimbursement opportunities; Hazard mitigation / climate resiliency (grant funding eligibility)
- Public safety needs assessment (Standards of Cover)
- Improve streetscape with road striping, parking lines & curb painting

## GOAL STATEMENTS:

- (1) Pursue grant writing opportunities.
- (2) Evaluate opportunities for City-owned properties.
- (3) Streamline permit process for residential and commercial development.

# ECONOMIC VITALITY



## SHORT-TERM ACTIONS

- Market Plaza development opportunities (currently under negotiations)
- Monitor and stay engaged in offshore wind development
- Pursue grant opportunities, including:
  - RFP for full-service Grant Writer & Grant Administration (if successful)
  - Coleman Beach area
  - Climate Action Plan & Waterfront Master Plan
  - DBW grant funding for boat ramp replacement
- Review of City-owned properties, strategy to optimize use or revenues. Explore use of commercial realtor to manage commercial rental property
- Streamline permit processing for residential (including ADUs) and commercial development (also supports Housing goal)
- Presentation to Council on Paid Parking Study and proposed Pilot Program; implement, as directed

# HOUSING

## HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE



### GOAL STATEMENTS:

- (1) Identify low-income housing opportunities.
- (2) Explore achievable options for unhoused residents.
- (3) Speed up processing of ADU permits to increase availability of affordable housing.

### SHORT-TERM ACTIONS

- Housing Element Program Implementation (Housing by-right Policy and Objective Design Guidelines projects underway – \$275K rec'd in grant funding)
- Review possible upzone of Seashell Estates property for proposed housing project
- Explore achievable options at the City level (emergency warming shelters, pallet homes, etc.)
- Continue participation in County's 5-year Housing & Infrastructure Plan
- Continue participation in the County-wide 5-year Strategic Plan to address homelessness
  - *Homeless Outreach Case Manager*
- Identify affordable housing incentive program
- Speed up processing of ADU permits to increase availability of affordable housing

# COMMUNITY

## ENGAGEMENT



### GOAL STATEMENTS:

- (1) Build relationships and improve the purpose of advisory bodies to attract and retain members.
- (2) Hold community workshops and study sessions on upcoming development.
- (3) Improve City website and social media presence.

### SHORT-TERM ACTIONS

- Leverage partnerships with Chamber, Visit Morro Bay, local service clubs and community organizations, and other event hosts
- Explore/assess available communication tools
- Conduct joint Council/advisory board meetings periodically and consider biannual or annual advisory board reports to Council
- Develop Historic Preservation Ordinance using draft ordinance prepared by Historical Society as a starting point
- Continue MBPD Citizens Academy, Consider Community Academy and other opportunities for project / community outreach, including study sessions and workshops
- Develop and implement outreach and communication plan using different formats to reach broad spectrum of residents
- Ad hoc Committee review of Planning Process

CITY OF MORRO BAY RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL  
RECOGNITION FOR FIRST EVER PRIDE FLAG RAISING!



# NOW HIRING



## Full-Time Positions

- Administrative Technician - Recreation
- Police Property & Evidence Technician
- Police Sergeant
- Senior Accounting Technician / Payroll
- Senior Administrative Services Analyst
- Senior Civil Engineer

## Part-Time Positions

- Harbor Office Assistant
- Pool Lifeguard
- Sports Official
- Sports/Event Coordinator

[HTTPS://WWW.MORROBAYCA.GOV/832/EMPLOYMENT-OPPORTUNITIES](https://www.morrobayca.gov/832/EMPLOYMENT-OPPORTUNITIES)

## Recreation

### Administration

#### Facilities

Morro Bay Community Center, Vets Hall, and Parks are open and ready for reservations! Our parks and facilities continue to be bustling with classes, activities, and other reservations such as birthday parties, celebrations, and special events. It's wedding season out in Morro Bay, with over 7 wedding ceremonies and receptions scheduled for the summer. Our beautiful beaches will be full, with Little Guards, Project Surf Camp, and Junior Guards starting up their awesome and enriching programs!

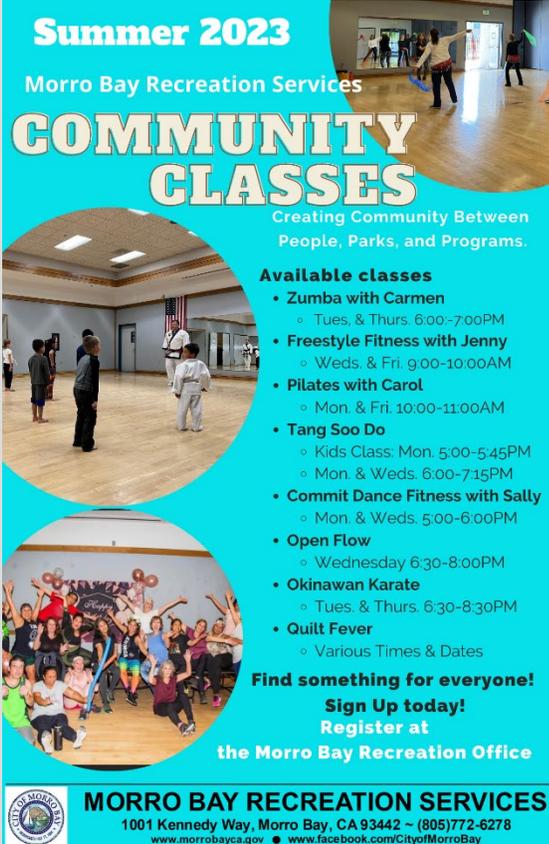
#### Community Classes

Check out our Summer Community Class Schedule!

#### Special Events

Morro Bay Recreation is proud to be hosting the

[Annual Family Fun Day at Tidelands Park!](#)



**Summer 2023**  
Morro Bay Recreation Services  
**COMMUNITY CLASSES**  
Creating Community Between People, Parks, and Programs.

**Available classes**

- **Zumba with Carmen**
  - Tues. & Thurs. 6:00-7:00PM
- **Freestyle Fitness with Jenny**
  - Weds. & Fri. 9:00-10:00AM
- **Pilates with Carol**
  - Mon. & Fri. 10:00-11:00AM
- **Tang Soo Do**
  - Kids Class: Mon. 5:00-5:45PM
  - Mon. & Weds. 6:00-7:15PM
- **Commit Dance Fitness with Sally**
  - Mon. & Weds. 5:00-6:00PM
- **Open Flow**
  - Wednesday 6:30-8:00PM
- **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**

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## Seniors

Spring has been very active in the Senior Center. All Cuesta College and exercise classes are flourishing and some have even grown out of their original rooms! Some of our highlights have been the Kentucky Derby Party and history presentations on Morro Bay during World War II. The biggest news was the grand opening of the new Bocce Ball courts across the street from the Community Center. This has been in the making for almost eight years but well worth the wait as the courts are truly some of the finest in the County.



## Aquatics

The Morro Bay Aquatic Center Summer programming is in full swing. This Summer Aquatic staff is excited to partner with San Luis Coastal to provide Summer Experience Swim Class. We will be working with 70+ participants grades 5th-8th. This course will be working on swimming skills including all 4 competitive strokes, introducing water polo and most importantly teaching lifelong water safety skills. This summer the aquatic staff is providing group swim lessons Tuesday through Friday and private and semiprivate swim lessons on Sundays. We will be offering Recreational swim Mondays from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, with shallow end swimming and diving boards open. Life jackets are available to borrow for participants. Lap swim is offered Monday through Friday and Sundays. Master's swim 6:30 am – 7:30 am and is a great place to get coach lead work outs as well as stroke advice from our knowledgeable coaches. If you need some one-on-one time, we also offer private adult lessons. Junior Guard Boot Camp (pool program) season is coming to an end this weekend and has prepared 60+ participants to hit the wave this summer in our Junior Guard program. We are excited to be able to provide a positive safe environment to learn and improve swimming skills, get exercise, and work on rehabilitation.



## Sports

The first session of the Junior Guards (JG) program started on June 19th. In total, the four sessions throughout the summer will see over 175 kids go from newcomers to certified “Junior Lifeguards”. Each session is two weeks long with each day focused on a variety of beach activities and educational lessons. Participants learn all about the Morro Bay beach environment, fundamentals of first aid life-saving protocols, and all about the many facets of Junior Guard culture. Kids in the program enjoy surfing, boogie boarding, and playing at the beach. Coordinator Sierra Emrick is returning as a seasoned vet in her second year as coordinator. The season will conclude with an end-of-season bash at the Vets Hall complete with food, refreshments, and festivities for all JG session goers!



The Estero Bay Flag Football is in its second inaugural season! The weather has been great for Fridays to enjoy the atmosphere at Lila Keiser Park on Friday nights. We have 115 players, three divisions with four teams each. The season will commence with “Bowl” style games on August 12.



Our Coed Summer Softball season is under way with 6 teams total. Teams play games on Monday evenings at Lila Keiser Park.

## Youth Services

### **Kids' Club**

The Kids' Club 2022/2023 school year came to an end on Thursday June 8th. We had a fun and successful school year and are ready for Summer!

### **Kids' Camp 2023**

Kids' Camp 2023 starts on Monday June 19th. We have a Summer Bucket List of fun activities planned, from swimming lessons to kayak trips on the bay. Kids' camp will run for 8 weeks this Summer and will visit many different locations in Morro Bay and even venture out of the county for a few excursions.

Kids' Camp staff spent the past week at orientation learning child development techniques, first aid and CPR, how to lead games, camp songs, and all the ins and outs of camp. This year we are fortunate to have a team of 38 staff. We are excited for a Summer of Fun and Adventure!

Morro Bay Recreation's  
**Kids' Camp**  
Childcare & Recreational Enrichment  
for Children 4-12 yrs. old  
Located at Del Mar Elementary Campus  
501 Sequoia  
Morro Bay  
**Hours: 7:00 am –6:00 pm**  
Contact Info: (805)772-6279  
agallardo@morrobayca.gov

Join us for a Summer  
of fun & Adventure!  
**June 19  
to Aug. 11  
2023**



**Weekly Prices:**  
Full Week \$185  
4 days \$ 150  
3 Days \$120  
2 Days \$85  
Daily Rate \$50  
\*SUMMER SCHOOL PACKAGE \$80\*  
**\*\$50 Registration Fee**  
\*Scholarship's Available through CFEB\*

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## Community Development - Activity Update for April/May 2023



### Project Update:

Work on the Hampton Inn located at 295 Atascadero Rd. is now complete and the hotel is open and accepting reservations.

The HarborWalk Plaza project at 833 Embarcadero is progressing with addition of exterior siding and with work on the interior of the hotel rooms advancing.

### **Planning Division Activity**

#### Planning Commission:

April 4, 2023: 301-390 Sea Shell Cove.

Conceptual review for potential future multifamily housing project.

Action: PC provided review and comment

April 18, 2023: 545 Shasta; upgrades to an existing T-Mobile wireless site. Action: approved.

May 2, 2023: canceled

May 16, 2023: 1175 Scott Street; new two story 4 bedroom single unit hotel with third story managers unit. Action: Approved. Appealed to Council

590 Morro Avenue: upgrades to an existing AT&T wireless site. Action: Approved.

### **Planning Permits**

- Coastal Dev. Permit = 3
- Use Permits = 2
- Sign Permits = 3
- Min/maj mods = 2
- Parking Exceptions = 1

**Total Permits** = 11

**Fees collected** = \$28,779

### **Code Enforcement Activity**

New Cases: 17  
Closed: 8  
Open: 9  
In Process: 24

### **Building Division Activity**

- Permits Issued = 91
- Valuation = \$1,256,211
- Fees Received = \$56,468
- # of Inspections = 655
- New Permits = 27