



City Manager's Update

April 2024

Happy Spring, Everyone!

It has been a few months since the last City Manager's newsletter. Apologies for its recent absence, and I'm excited to bring it back!

As many know, I started my position as Morro Bay City Manager in August 2023. When I arrived in Morro Bay, I had planned to hit the ground running. However, I landed in the Estuary and sunk to my knees in a marshland of daily demands, a plethora of meetings, and complex current affairs that are energizing enough to make even the biggest cities envious.

My initial months involved interactions with council members, employees, residents, businesses, community leaders and other city managers, studying numerous plans, going through lease negotiations, responding to the employee compensation study, organizing planned and unexpected projects to align with council goals, all the while transitioning key positions and finding opportunities for city employees to grow within the organization. Let's not forget continued recovery efforts from last year's storms, preparation for this winter's storms, attending to homelessness debates which led to new ordinances, staying current with discussions on the offshore wind farm developments, and deliberating the future of the old powerplant. The last few months has been quite a whirlpool; but after some efforts, I have made it to firm ground.

So now I'm relaunching the city manager's newsletter. In this edition, I'll provide an overview of some key initiatives currently on the city manager's desk. Following that, you'll find a video featuring Mayor Wixom's State of the City speech from February's Chamber of Commerce Annual Summit. Then, let us delve into a comprehensive array of departmental accomplishments over the last few months.

What's on my desk:

- Transition of Department Head positions. Reclassified the ACM/ ASD position to Finance Director and created internal promotion opportunities. Emily Conrad, formerly Finance Manager, has stepped into the Acting Finance Director role since March. Prior to the reclassification, Steve Conway, a retired finance director from Los Gatos, served as the Interim ACD/ASD from October to February. Mr. Conway is a CPA and has 40 years of experience in the accounting field. We thank him for his help. The Community Development Director position became vacant in late February. Interim CD Director Micheal Codron is assisting the recruitment for a permanent director. Mr. Codron retired from the City of SLO with almost 30 years' experience in community development and city government. We are lucky to have him temporarily. Harbor Director announced pending departure and recommended departmental reorganization aiming for long-term sustainability and strategic growth opportunities. Fire, Police, Harbor and other key Departments conduct joint reviews. Result is yet to come. I look forward to completing director transitions and continue on to executive team rebuilding.
- City's Delegation went to Washington DC in February to lobby for city interests and projects related to ocean front infrastructure and environmental resilience. Reports and documents from this year's meetings can be found here: <https://pub-morrobay.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=bbd1d442-b927-4abe-8683-65c35c7ad637&lang=English&Agenda=Agenda&Item=20&Tab=attachments> Following the lobby trip, in March it was announced that Morro Bay received \$14.4 million in Congressional fund for harbor dredging. Staff also initiated the process to request the US Army Corp of Engineers for revetment repairs. We wait to hear next steps. The City received \$1.5 million for T-pier repair last year, however, the project needs more funding. We continued our request to federal agencies.
- City partners with Cal Poly to update the Climate Action Plan: The City adopted the Climate Action Plan (CAP) on January 14, 2014. The CAP is a long-range plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from City government operations and community activities within Morro Bay and prepare for the anticipated effects of climate change. Cal Poly SLO City & Regional Planning Department graduate students partnered with the City to prepare an update of the 2014 CAP beginning last fall. Within the draft Climate Action Plan Measures, the document is organized around thirteen various CAP goals and measures. These include parking management, jobs housing balance, active transportation, complete streets, transit, electric vehicles, building decarbonization, solar implementation and education, reach codes, public education, waste management, carbon sequestration, municipal operations, adaptation and hazard measures. The draft Background Report prepared by Poly students discusses an overview of background and existing conditions, including vulnerability assessment, state policy discussion, and lastly a policy audit of both the City's 2014 Climate Action Plan as well as Plan Morro Bay. This report can be found here: [CITYOFMORROBAY \(morrobayca.gov\)](http://CITYOFMORROBAY(morrobayca.gov)) [report starts on page 17]. The accompanying presentation was made to the Planning Commission. It was very well received and can be found here: [03 05 2024 CMB Planning Commission Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03052024CMB)
- Completed a parking study with the focus areas being Embarcadero and Downtown. Morro Rock parking lot remains an area of concern for lot condition, and congestion

during peak season and events. This study can be found here: [6308 \(morrobayca.gov\)](https://www.morrobayca.gov/6308)

- Old powerplant master plan and its related BESS project discussions and processes. Our community is highly engaged. More details can be found in the Community Development update. Related documents can be found here: [Current Planning Projects | City of Morro Bay - Official Website \(morrobayca.gov\)](https://www.morrobayca.gov/Current-Planning-Projects)
- The City hosted a few large events, including nation-wide surf contests in December, yard sale days in March. A new event, Witches' Paddle, emerged last couple of years without city's official coordination. To ensure safety and enjoyment, City staff and Visit Morro Bay staff will collaborate with the event organizer for future events. City and VMB are also preparing for May's Ironman event. A list of events that has been approved by the City Council can be found here: <https://pub-morrobay.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=b1783983-f743-4d0b-b573-fe608132c90a&lang=English&Agenda=Agenda&Item=18&Tab=attachments>
- Rockview grand opening in March. This 35-unit apartment, located at 405 Atascadero Rd., is a HASLO's affordable housing project. The long-awaited grand opening marks a significant milestone towards city's housing goal. The total City commitment for the project was \$525,000, including a long-term loan in the amount of \$150,000 in Housing In lieu funds, \$350,000 in a deferred permit fee loan, and another \$25,000 in a recent Housing In-lieu loan to HASLO due to post-COVID cost increase. For details of the project, please contact HASLO at [HASLO](https://www.haslo.com)
- Offshore wind webpage: at Council's direction, Harbor Director created this offshore wind information page: [Offshore Wind | City of Morro Bay - Official Website \(morrobayca.gov\)](https://www.morrobayca.gov/Offshore-Wind)
- Have you noticed that City Council Agendas have a new look on city website? City Clerk's Office made improvements to provide an easier access to city meetings. Now Agendas can be accessed as web pages and downloaded as PDF. This new format allows to download the entire agenda packet or view support documents for specific agenda items. This new technology, when fully implemented, can enable live streaming. In the coming months staff will migrate other city meetings into this new format. [City Council Agendas | City of Morro Bay - Official Website \(morrobayca.gov\)](https://www.morrobayca.gov/City-Council-Agendas)
- Lastly, let me update you on my professional development activities. I am a credentialed city manager by the International City County Management Association (ICMA). I have held this credential since 2014. To maintain this status, the incumbent is committed to the ICMA Code of Ethics and continued professional development through activities including training, conferences, or books. In my spare time, I glanced through a book titled "the Mind of the Leader". This book encourages organizations to put people at the center of their corporation strategy and calls for executives to lead with three qualities: mindfulness, selflessness, and compassion. I strive to practice those strategies. I also attended a few (free) subject matter trainings hosted by ICMA, including Federal Funding for Advancing Economic Mobility and Resilient Communities, Short-term Rental Program Strategies, Streamlining Municipal Meetings through Best Practices and Success Stories.

Please be sure to continue onto the following sections. I hope this newsletter brings everyone up to speed on some of the latest happenings around the city. My next newsletter is scheduled for May. Your suggestions are always appreciated. If you ever find yourself in need of assistance, please feel free to reach out.

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City Manager

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Mayor's State of the City Presentation

Next up, I have enclosed a video copy of the State of the City Address delivered by the Honorable Mayor Wixom.

Please use this link to access the recording:

<https://youtu.be/AVIchQ0o7Nw>

This presentation offers insights into last year and prospects for the future for our beloved city. A one-year-in-review photo slideshow accompanies Mayor's presentation.



This program was produced for the 2024 Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce Business Summit in February.

To watch the unabridged Chamber event, please use this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/qPzrIDr8f9-blzI4zxIwYlpYQ_QB6fNIF—buAQIZnmxeN8Ruy4zvuqawtgTWK_HLHmMtb0iW2vjSdo

The event includes opening remarks from Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce CEO, A State of the City address from the Morro Bay Mayor Carla Wixom, State of District 2 by Supervisor Bruce Gibson and State of Morro Bay Tourism from Michael Wambolt, Executive Director of Visit Morro Bay.

Proceeding to City Departments' updates:

Morro Bay Police Department City Manager Report – First Quarter 2024

Department Update

Welcome Officer Jonthan Gonzales

We are happy to welcome Morro Bay Police Officer Jonathan Gonzales. Jonathan was born and raised in Fresno, CA. Jonathan graduated from Central High School. Jonathan attended the Fresno City College Police Academy and graduated in 2019. After the academy, Jonathan was hired by the Firebaugh Police Department where he served for 3 ½ years until moving to SLO County and being hired as a Police Officer for Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Jonathan is a third-generation law enforcement officer.



Jonathan brings good experience to the department, but more importantly, he brings the dedication to service, high character, and compassion and kindness for his team and the community. We are excited to bring Jonathan on board to join our department. He will be a wonderful addition to our community.

Morro Bay Police Department Welcomes Officer Patrick Weart and Officer Jeff Wheeler

Patrick Weart - Patrick was born in Germany and raised in Visalia, CA. After graduating from Redwood HS in Visalia, Patrick joined the Army in 1989 where he served for four years in Artillery as a Cannon Crewmember. After the military Patrick returned to Visalia where he became a reserve firefighter/EMT with the Visalia Fire Department. In 1999, Patrick decided to pursue a career in law enforcement. Patrick attended the Tulare/Kings Police Academy in 1999 and was hired by the Amador County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy. Patrick worked his entire law enforcement career for the Amador County Sheriff's Office. Patrick retired from the Amador County Sheriff's Office in 2022. Patrick has a wealth of knowledge and experience from his nearly 24 years in law enforcement. Patrick has worked several assignments including investigations. He was promoted to sergeant with the Amador County Sheriff's Office and worked several years as the detective coroner.



Jeff Wheeler - Jeff was born and raised in Sturgis, MI, joined the Air Force at 19 years old. After the military Jeff moved to Visalia, CA where he met his wife and worked jobs in construction and software installation and training. In 2002, Jeff completed his law enforcement training at Tulare/Kings Police Academy. After the academy, Jeff worked for the Reedley Police Department located in Fresno County for 3years. Jeff lateralled to the Visalia Police Department where he worked for 15 years. Jeff retired from Visalia PD in August of 2022. Jeff worked assignments in patrol, motors, and was a department drone operator. Jeff has solved extremely complex traffic collisions where life was lost. Jeff has testified in court as an expert in a homicide investigation where a vehicle was used as the weapon. Jeff is meticulous at his work and enjoys helping others and serving the community.



** Jeff and Patrick were hired as extra help retired annuitants and will be working specific areas for a limited duration to aid the department in filling gaps in staffing. Jeff and Patrick bring 50 plus years of experience that will be helpful with continued development and an increase in department experience. Welcome Jeff and Patrick.

Welcome back Senior Officer Art Vasquez

Senior Officer Art Vasquez has returned to the Morro Bay Police Department after almost a year working as an officer for Cal Poly State University Police Department. Art originally joined the Morro Bay Police Department in June of 2019. Art will resume his assignments as a department Field Training Officer and Senior Officer. We are thrilled to have Art back with our MBPD and Morro Bay family.



Annual Department Meeting

On March 6th, the department came together for our annual department meeting. During the meeting, members of the department come together for an inspection and then participate in individual and department photos. The meeting provides department staff with a department update from the Chief of Police including the state of the department, legislative updates, personnel updates, and future things to come. Department members are recognized with awards such as Officer of the Year, Employee of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Explorer of the Year. This is an important event to gather staff, take photos, and discuss ideas on how to better serve our department employees and the community.



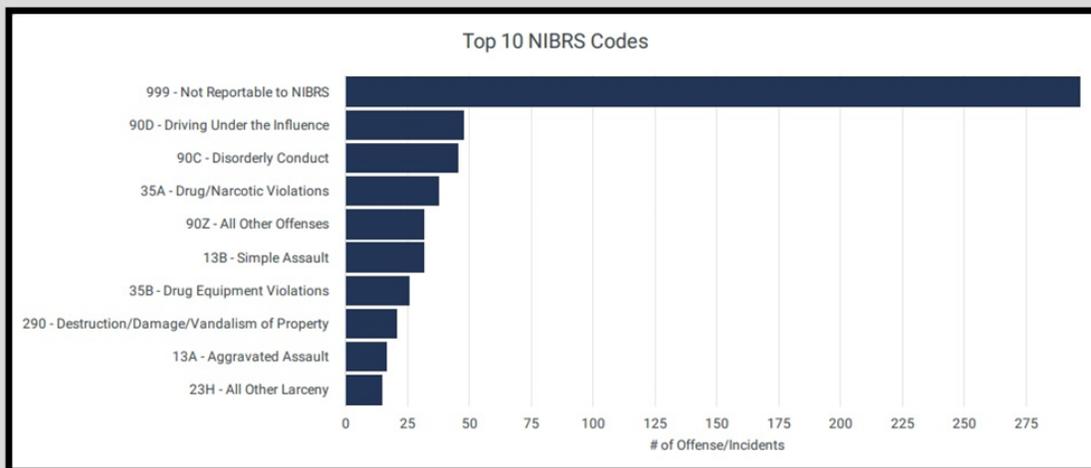
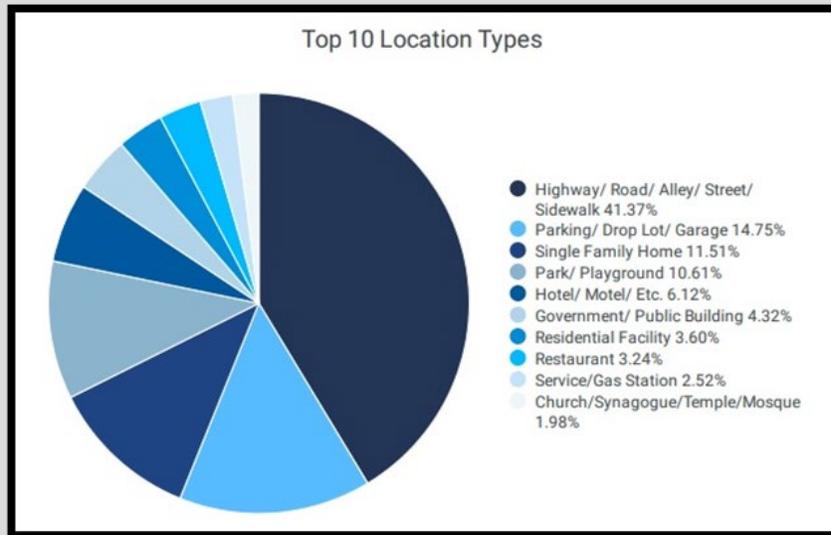
Department Operations

- The police department has been busy during what many consider Morro Bay's slower season. The following statistical charts show data over the past six months of the types of calls officers are responding to, the types of reports being taken, and the call demand during certain days and times of the week.
- The FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) became the national standard for law enforcement crime data reporting in the United States. The transition to NIBRS represents a significant shift – and improvement – in how reported crime is measured and estimated by the federal government.

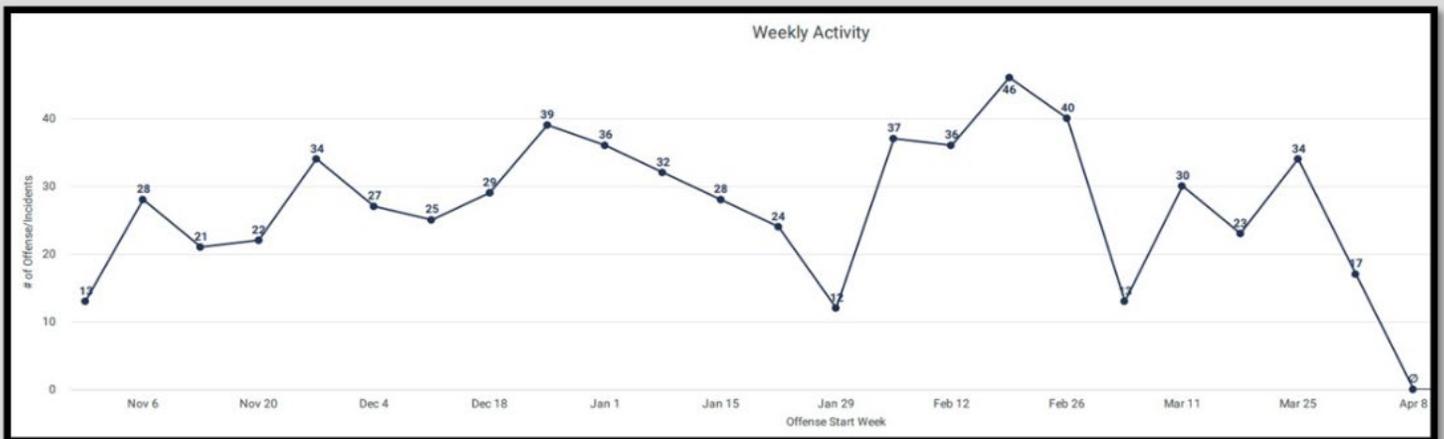
NIBRS captures detailed data about the characteristics of criminal incidents, including:

- a broad array of offenses
- types and amount of property lost.
- demographic information about victims, offenders, and persons arrested.
- what type of weapon, if any, was used in the incident.

NIBRS data more accurately reflect the types of crime addressed by police agencies, like simple assault, animal cruelty, destruction of property, intimidation, and identity theft. The broad scope of the information collected in NIBRS will greatly improve the nation's understanding of crime and public safety.



Incidents not reportable to NIBRS are: warrants, infractions, trespassing, traffic violations, parole violations.



Community Updates

Increased Services to Unhoused Community

The City of Morro Bay continues to work closely with our unhoused community to offer an increase in services and opportunities for potential housing. Since January, the Morro Bay Police Department

in collaboration with the City's Homeless Outreach Case Manager, County CAT Team, and County Social Services, have housed four people into housing programs.

- Morro Bay Shower Program
805 Street Outreach began the new shower program offering hot showers to all in need. Put on by Wendy Blackert and 805 Street Outreach volunteers, the shower events take place on the first and third Monday of the month in the Morro Bay library parking lot. To date, five shower events have been held providing 67 showers to people and offered many more services such as food, clothing, attention medical needs, and continued case management.



Cleanup conducted near Coleman Park

Since January, city staff have conducted three camp cleanups related to the city's new camping ordinance. Those locations include Quintana Rd. at Kennedy Way, 1600 block of Main St., and the most recent was Coleman Park and the dunes adjacent. City staff continue to work closely with our unhoused community to provide much needed services. These camps were medium and required trailers to remove and store property.



Fire

Response Statistics

The Morro Bay Fire Department totaled 2,256 annual responses for 2023, this is a 11.4% increase from 2022. These responses include,

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| • Series 100 (Fires) | 33 incidents |
| • Series 200 (Overpressure, rupture, explosion, no fire) | 1 incident |
| • Series 300 (Rescue & EMS incident) | 1,532 incidents |
| • Series 400 (Hazardous condition no fire) | 86 incidents |
| • Series 500 (Service call) | 244 incidents |
| • Series 600 (Good intent call) | 185 incidents |
| • Series 700 (False alarm & false call) | 153 incidents |
| • Series 800 (Severe weather & natural disaster) | 22 incidents |
| • Series 900 (Special incident type) | 0 incidents |
| • Total | 2,256 incident |



Fire Chief Update

The Fire Department is currently recruiting Seasonal Firefighters to help augment staffing during the summer to allow for support of mutual aid incidents throughout the State, increased tourism events, and a higher seasonal workload. We currently have 3 Probationary Firefighters, one is in Paramedic school, and the other two recently completed their six-month testing process. Department members have been participating in hundreds of hours of training. These trainings include, Company Officer, Arson Investigator, Basic Incident Command, Crisis Intervention/ Behavioral Health, Advanced Wildland Weather, Medical Unit Leader, All-hazards Incident Management Team

training, Paramedic school, Infectious Control Officer, Basic Air Operations, Advanced Incident Management, Hazmat Assistant Safety Officer, OHV Operator, and Fire Instructor.



In October 2023, the Department welcomed a new UTV that is funded by a grant.



Fire Prevention

The Morro Bay Fire Department annual weed abatement program notices are being sent out to property owners and residents of Morro Bay. The deadline to perform annual weed abatement on properties is June 15, 2024.



The department recommends abating parcels between May 15th and June 15th to reduce regrowth and may require additional abatement. Inspections will begin after June 15, 2024. The city does not abate properties that are in violation. An Administrative Citation of \$223.00 will be issued to property owners that fail to comply.

Harbor

FRIENDS OF MORRO BAY HARBOR DEPARTMENT

It seems like every time the Harbor has a need; the Friends of Morro Bay Harbor Department step up to the challenge. This time the F250 Ford pickup truck used for Beach Lifeguard response had reached its useful life. The Harbor Department has not had sufficient funds to purchase a replacement vehicle. Large pickup trucks are not the best vehicles for beach use, they are difficult to navigate traffic backups on the Embarcadero during emergency response and have blind spots for driving around crowded beach activities. UTV's are more agile on the sand, more cost effective in operations and maintenance, and much safer to operate on crowded beaches. The Friends of Morro Bay Harbor Department have raised over \$290,000 for Harbor improvements. When they learned we were looking into options to replace a vehicle, they jumped into action and began a fund-raising campaign. The new Polaris UTV has been ordered and should arrive in time for lifeguard beach use this summer. THANK YOU, FRIENDS OF MORRO BAY HARBOR DEPARTMENT and the local donors that contributed to this needed equipment.



HARBOR STORM DAMAGE DOCK REPAIRS

The winter storms of 2023 and 2024 continued to damage docks throughout the Harbor. Commercial fishing docks and City docks sustained considerable damage to floats, decks, whaler boards, torsion bars, and metal connectors. In 2023 the Harbor Department received approval to use \$80,000 for emergency repairs, but that was not enough. During this budget year the Harbor

Department allocated \$200,000 towards a dock repair project along with an additional \$100,000 grant from the Morro Bay Commercial Fishers Organization to begin a dock repair project. The most recent repairs were to the two finger docks that support boat ramp activities. As we begin budgeting for the 2024/25 budget year, the Harbor Department will allocate additional funding to ensure all commercial fishing docks are repaired and rebuilt.



DERELICT BOAT REMOVAL

The Harbor Department received grant funding from the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways to remove and demolish vessels that are abandoned or voluntarily turned in by their owners that are a threat to pollute or derelict in nature. Five boats were pulled out at the launch ramp and crushed by heavy equipment.



CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING FOR T-PIER and HARBOR DREDGING

Harbor Department received \$1.5 million congressional funding to repair the North T-pier last year. This fund lasts a few years because work usually is complicated. To release the fund, a below



water assessment is required and was performed during winter. That assessment identified all the structural pilings and piers that must be replaced. While \$1.5M will be available to repair the above water structure, it will not be sufficient to update the electrical and fire safety issues or the remaining below water piers and pilings. The consulting engineer's assessment determined an additional \$7M will be necessary. Council and staff are working with city's federal lobbyist to

request more funding.

On the dredging front, the harbor needs to be dredged periodically. This dredge is critically important to the U.S. Coast Guard, California State Fish and Wildlife, Morro Bay Harbor Patrol, commercial fishing, and recreational boating. In 2023 the Harbor received an \$14.4M appropriation to dredge the inlet through the back channel in 2024. That dredge is pending permits.



Public Works

Engineering

New Engineering Staff. The City recently concluded two successful recruitments for the Engineering Division. First, Rene Brill started work for the City on March 18th. Rene has a combined 22 years of engineering experience between roles in the Public Works Departments in the Counties of Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo, and she holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from USC as well as a Master's Degree in Geographic Information Science and Technology from USC. She will be responsible for development plan reviews, encroachment permits, inspections, and capital project support. Rene lives in Morro Bay.



Second, Cynthia (Cindy) Cecil began work as the City's new City Engineer on April 1st. Cindy has 40 years of experience in engineering, including time with San Luis Obispo County Public Works, San Diego County Public Works, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, and various firms in the private sector. Her experience encompasses structural and civil design and project management in a variety of project areas, including military, industrial, utility, marine, educational, municipal, residential, and commercial. Cindy earned her Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Engineering from Cal Poly SLO and holds a professional engineer license as both a civil and structural engineer. Cindy lives in Morro Bay.

Parking Lot Rehab. Work crews from Ramsey Asphalt and Construction began work on the City's Lila Keiser and Police Department Parking Lot Rehabilitation project on Monday, April 1st. The work at Lila Keiser will include new ADA sidewalks in the picnic area, dig out and repair of failed sections of the parking lot, new asphalt across the parking lot, and fresh striping. The parking lot and fields at Lila Keiser Park will remain open during construction.

At the Police Parking Lot, work crews will repair failed sections of the lot, and the parking lot will be expanded. The work is expected to be finished by Wednesday, April 17th.



Local Roadway Safety Plan. The City Council adopted the Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) on February 13, 2024. The LRSP was developed through intensive public outreach and stakeholder input over a three-month period, and the plan includes a range of solutions and project ideas to address safety concerns that were identified during the development of the plan. City staff is now working to develop implementable safety projects from the plan with the aim of securing grant funding to minimize cost impacts to the City.

Maintenance

Since the beginning of the year, the Public Works Maintenance Division has been managing three small paving contracts to target small, failed areas of streets around the City and particularly in North Morro Bay. The streets include Jamaica, Panorama, Island, Tide, Laurel, Cuesta, Greenwood, Birch, Radcliffe, Bolton, Norwich, Clarabelle, and Hillcrest.



Community Development

Coastal Commission Certifies Plan Morro Bay

On March 15, the Coastal Commission certified the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP) Update, Plan Morro Bay. This included the updated Zoning Code and Implementation Plan. The LCP was certified as submitted and Coastal Commission staff noted their appreciation for the City's hard work and collaborative approach throughout the process. This is a great outcome and something to be celebrated!



Morro Bay BESS Project Draft EIR The Draft EIR for the BESS project is now available for public comment. As of Friday, April 5th, about 24 members of the public had submitted comments to the City. The Draft EIR evaluates the project across a wide range of topic areas prescribed by state law. In other news, Vistra has published their safety study, referred to as the Offsite Consequence Analysis. This report goes deeper into public safety than the Draft EIR, looking at how the proposed battery project design would perform in an unexpected fire event. The City has its own consultant taking a look at the study now to ensure that it is satisfactory and consistent with best practices. Next steps for the project include: 1) An opportunity for the public to make comments on the Draft EIR at the May 7th Planning Commission meeting, and 2) A public workshop on the City's Power Plant Master Plan on May 8th. More information on the workshop coming soon!

Panorama Project Update Applicants for a now 46-unit subdivision on Panorama have resubmitted plans to the City for review. Previously, the project had gone before the Planning Commission for a conceptual review. In response to Planning Commission feedback, the applicant made several changes to the project. Notably, reducing the amount of fill dirt that would need to be imported to the site. The project will now move forward into the environmental review process with the next step being scoping of the project EIR.

Notable Building Projects Completed

Community Development would like to highlight completion of significant construction projects over the past few months. These include Rockview at Sunset, an affordable housing project (see photo); Harbor Walk Plaza, including retail shops, a dock and playground; and Rhapsody in View, a 7-unit boutique hotel on 2790 Main Street. The Building Division works hard to ensure construction follows approved plans, providing for the safety of the public and the ongoing success of these important projects.



Miscellaneous Activities Submitted a \$500,000 grant application to California Coastal Commission with the intent to update the city's waterfront master plan. Partnered with Cal-Poly Planning Department graduate level students to update the 2014 Climate Action Plan by providing 13 goals and measures related to green gas reduction. This report can be found here: [CITY OF MORRO BAY \(morrobayca.gov\)](https://www.cityofmorrobayca.gov/) The presentation was well received and can be found here: [03 05 2024 CMB Planning Commission Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03052024CMB)

Administration (HR and City Clerk)

City Council meetings have a new look

City Clerk's office launched a new format for council meeting utilizing "e scribe" technology. [City Council Agendas](#) | [City of Morro Bay - Official Website \(morrobayca.gov\)](#)

2023 Storm Damage Cost Recovery

The Public Works team and City Clerk have made a coordinated effort to recover storm damage costs from the January 2023 flood. The preliminary actual cash value of losses covered by the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) for certain debris removal costs; damage to docks, piers, and facilities located in the flood zone; and vehicle damage is expected to be \$582,000. We are awaiting final estimates for damaged tools and equipment and will continue working with FEMA to recoup costs not covered by CJPIA.

Join Team Morro Bay



NOW HIRING

City of Morro Bay Career Opportunities



Community Development
Community Development Director

Police
Police Officer - Lateral or POST Academy Graduate Only
Police Sergeant

Recreation - Part-Time
Junior Guard Aides and Instructors

Kids Camp Directors, Assistant Directors, Counselors, and Counselors-in-Training

Sports/Events Coordinator

Sports Official

Swim Instructor

Administrative Services (Finance and IT)

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX news:

The Finance Department commenced this year's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) property audits in mid-March. The audit process ensures that every hotel is audited every three years and this year's selected hotels have already been notified. The objective of the audit is to ensure properties are in compliance with the City's municipal code. Staff's ultimate goal is for the annual audits to result in zero findings, meaning no additional taxes are due because every property is in compliance. Staff would consider that a great success! To assist owners with compliance, we have enhanced our website with the Do's and Don'ts of TOT collection which can be viewed [here](#). The department contact for all TOT-related questions can be directed to Senior Budget Analyst Melissa Green at magreen@morrobayca.gov or (805) 772-6218. We anticipate working in collaborative partnership with Visit Morro Bay to improve and increase communication with property owners.

UTILITY BILLING news:

The Finance Department has received a notification intent to award federal COVID relief grant funds for utility accounts in arrears. The eligibility period is June 2021 through December 2022. Accounts in arrears during that time period have been identified and once the funding is received, the holders of those eligible accounts will be notified and informed of the dollar amount that will be credited to their accounts.

For over one year, staff has been working at replacing the payment drop box at City Hall. At long last, a larger capacity drop box has been installed! This is a big improvement for citizens as well as staff who were coming in on weekends to empty the drop box.

ACCOUNTING news:

The Fiscal Year 2022-23 annual reporting has been completed and we are very pleased to report there were no audit findings for the City. Staff takes responsible stewardship of public funds very seriously and are proud of these audit results. Reports can be viewed on the City's [Document Center](#) under Finance / Financial Statements.

Recreation

Administration

Facilities

The Morro Bay Community Center and Veteran's Hall are bustling with workshops, baby showers, celebrations of life, wedding receptions, and banquets. Equipped with amenities like spacious halls, meeting rooms, kitchen facilities and BBQs, these two venues cater to the needs of many different event sizes and preferences. It is a busy time of year for our parks and beaches as well! Del Mar Park and Tidelands are filling up hosting fun birthday parties and family reunions. Morro Rock Beach will be the venue for several upcoming weddings. In between beach weddings, we have Junior Guards and Project Surf Camp out on the water! Last month we processed 38 reservation permits!

Morro Bay High School Athletic Boosters' Annual Crab Feed at the Community Center, March 2024.



Community Classes

Our Spring Class schedule is out, we invite all the community to come by and try a class! Most classes are \$6 a drop rate.

This winter we introduced two new classes, Arts and Crafts Club for Kids that had 18 enrolled and Dog Training with certified Dog Trainer Irina Beatty with 11 enrolled.

Spring 2024

Morro Bay Recreation Services

COMMUNITY CLASSES

Creating Community Between
People, Parks, and Programs.

Available classes

- **Freestyle Fitness with Jenny**
 - Weds. & Fri. 9:00-10:00AM
- **Pilates with Heather**
 - Mon. & Fri. 10:00-11:00AM
- **Dance FIT with Sally**
 - Mon. & Weds. 5:30-6:30PM
- **Zumba with Erika**
 - Tues. & Thurs. 5:30-6:30PM
- **Open Flow**
 - Wednesday 6:30-8:00PM
- **Okinawan Karate**
 - Tues. & Thurs. 6:30-8:00PM

Find something for everyone!

Sign Up today!

Register at

the Morro Bay Recreation Office



MORRO BAY RECREATION SERVICES

1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, CA 93442 ~ (805)772-6278
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Special Events

As the summer approaches, Morro Bay Recreation is the perfect place for a Summer Job! We are currently hiring for many different positions. In efforts to recruit some applicants Jazlyn, Recreation Coordinator and Angelica, Recreation Supervisor headed out to a few job fairs in our area.

We're Hiring

Looking for a Summer Job?

Morro Bay Recreation is Hiring for ...

JUNIOR GUARDS INSTRUCTORS

SPORTS OFFICIAL

Lifeguards & Swim Instructors

Kids' Camp Counselors and Counselors in Training

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1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, CA 93442 ~ (805)772-6278
City website: www.morrobayca.gov • Sports website: www.league lineup.com/mbspsport



Recreation Services will be hosting our annual Mermaid, Sea Creature, and Pirate Parade on Saturday, May 18th. We will be partnering with Mark Tognazzini and Dockside Restaurant to bring this fun event to our community.

Mermaid, Sea Creature & Pirate Parade

Saturday May 18, 2024

Parade Begins at 10:30am
at The Harbor Walk (near the Rock)

Parade ends at
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Seniors

As the MBAA...55+ membership continues to explode we are now at 900. The word is getting out that we offer a variety of programs. Currently the class sizes are at a maximum and our 'good' challenge is to find more space or time spots for these classes as we would prefer not to have to limit the number of participants. Morro Bay Senior Center offers the most programs in our county and has more participants in the Cuesta Emeritus program than any other city in San Luis Obispo County... and we are continuing to expand!

Always a popular presentation, on March 22nd San Luis Obispo Assistance Foundation visited and discussed wills, probates and topics concerning taking care of legal issues during retirement. The Citywide yard sale proved to be another success as it brought heavy traffic to the Senior Center and MBAA...55+ at our annual jewelry sale.

April brings another great presentation by Erik Brun, a local retired Army lieutenant colonel who specializes in local history. On April 19 he will speak on the Buffalo Soldiers and their impact on the building in Atascadero in the early 1900s. This is always a crowd favorite!

Erik Brun's presentation on Morro Bay during World War II



Aquatics

The Morro Bay Aquatic Center Spring programs are in full swing. Here is the schedule . . .

- Lap Swim is offered Monday through Friday from 11:30am-2:00pm and Sundays from 10am-2:30pm.
- Aqua Aerobics runs Monday through Friday 11:30am – 12:30pm and Tuesday and Thursday 7am – 8am.
- Master's swim is Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30am – 7:30am

March was a busy month at the Aquatic Center. Here are our participation numbers.

- Lap Swim: 973
- Aqua Aerobics: 143
- Master Swim: 54

Master's Swim is a great place to get coach lead workouts and stroke advice from our knowledgeable coaches. If you need some one-on-one time, we also offer private adult lessons.

This spring the aquatic staff is providing private lessons on Sundays and already have taught 120 lessons in March.

Junior Guard Boot Camp (pool program) just wrapped up its first session this weekend. Boot Camp is an opportunity for swimmers to strengthen their swimming skills in preparation for our Junior Guards program. Bootcamp works on participants' stroke technique, endurance, and confidence to be in the ocean. Session 1 had 28 participants registered. Session 2 is sold out with 50 participants and starts this upcoming Sunday. Session 3 still has open spots, but we expect this one to sell out soon as summer approaches. We are excited to be able to provide a positive safe environment to learn and improve aquatic skills, get exercise, and work on rehabilitation.



Sports

Estero Bay Youth Basketball

Estero Bay Youth Basketball finished the weekend of March 9. Teams in the first/second grade division ended their season with a final game, and teams in all other divisions culminated in an end of season tournament. The participation breakdown by division was:

- First/second grade girls: 28 players/4 teams
- First/second grade boys: 67 players/9 teams
- Third/fourth grade girls: 40 players/5 teams
- Third/fourth grade boys: 79 players/10 teams
- Fifth/sixth grade girls: 26 players/3 teams
- Fifth/sixth grade boys: 40 players/5 teams
- Seventh/eighth grade boys: 34 players/4 teams

The End of Season Tournament championship games were played on Sunday at Los Osos Middle School. The teams that won all their single elimination games were crowned champions. It was a fantastic cap to a fun and exciting season of basketball!

Coast Girls Softball

Opening day of Coast Girls Softball took place on March 16. Players and families enjoyed the ballpark atmosphere and festivities. Each team played a hometown game vs. an opposing Coast Girls Softball team to get the ball rolling on the season. To commemorate the special occasion, we played the national anthem, announced batting lineups, and had stadium music for families to enjoy. It was a great start to the 2024 Coast Girls Softball Season!

Junior Guards

Our Junior Lifeguard Beach Program better known as “Jr. Guards” started registering participants on Monday, March 18th for Morro Bay residents and scholarship recipients. Each day of the week thereafter marked a different session opening online to anyone interested. In total, the signups landed at:

- Session A: 49 participants
- Session B: 37 participants
- Session C: 50 participants (full)
- Session D: 50 Participants (full)

We are excited to bring on new coordinators Dylan Koch and Devyn Downing to lead the program this season. We will aim to continue registration and open additional spots up as we approach the summer. We look forward to a fun Junior Guard summer on the beach!



Youth Services

Kids' Club

Kids' Club was opened extended hours over the Del Mar Elementary Minimum Days Week (3/12-3/15). All students were released at 1:00 pm and we were ready with extra fun activities and adventures for them. We averaged 55 kids a day that week. The kids took a trip to Del Mar Park, celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday, and even participated in a gardening project with Walter from Morro Bay in Bloom.

Over SLCUSD Spring Break (3/25-3/29) youth services hosted our second Brick Challenge Camp. We had 122 kids registered. The kids faced a Brick Building challenge every day, and all their activities and games involved building bricks. They also had the opportunity to go to the pool at the Morro Bay Aquatics Center and swim on the one sunny day over Spring Break!



Kids' Camp

Youth Services is busy putting the final additions on our AWESOME Summer Camp. This year our theme is Kids' Camp University. The campers will be introduced to different career paths as we explore and adventure through Morro Bay and neighboring areas!



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