



City Manager's Update

June 1, 2024

As we eagerly await the official start of summer, June brings a vibrant mix of celebrations and significant milestones, from joyous graduations, much-anticipated vacations, to heartfelt family reunions. Within the City, June also marks the close of our fiscal year and final preparation of the FY 24/25 budget. The FY24/25 draft budget is available for review [here](#). This budget reflects a total of \$59.6 million expenditures across all 43 funds, which represents a decrease from last year. The draft budget is guided by the established priorities and Council goals. City Council had their budget workshops on [May 28](#) and [May 29](#). The presentation can be viewed from City's YouTube channel. Final Budget Adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th.

June also marks the debut of our new trolley for its first seasonal operation. The new trolley was acquired through a generous grant. The Morro Bay trolley services run seasonally during the summer months, beginning on June 1 and operating every Saturday and Sunday through early October. For just \$1 per ride, the trolley provides convenient transportation to downtown and the waterfront. I encourage everyone to make a point to ride the new trolley this summer. It is a wonderful opportunity for our residents to enjoy our City and support this service. Click [here](#) to see the trolley route.

As much as we look forward to June, I'd be remiss if I don't highlight a few activities in May. Many have seen a dredging boat (Dredge Yaquina) around our harbor in the last few weeks. Yaquina's dredging mission is performed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The annual dredging cycle usually begins in May, which includes the inlet as well as south Harbor channel. Followed by the inlet work, the south channel will be dredged in the fall. According to the Corps of Engineers FY24 Work Plan, the Morro Bay project is a big part of a \$14 million Operation and maintenance work. More information about this project can be found in the Harbor section of the newsletter.



Yaquina dredging in Morro Bay Harbor



Harbor employee Marcos Green and I pose for Yaquina

Also in May, City Council entered into an Economic Development Service Contract with the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce. This signals the City Council's continued support of the Chamber and the enduring partnership between the City and the business community. Details of the proposed services can be found by viewing the May 14, 2024 City Council agenda staff report - [Item 9.e.](#)

This year's contract represents a lower amount than the previous three-year contract, partially due to City's desire to consider in-house resource in economic development. Additionally, both the City and the Chamber have been experiencing transitions in key leadership positions. It is prudent

to carefully evaluate how to best leverage this partnership and focus on best practices moving forward.

For those who are interested in Diablo Nuclear Power Plant decommission plans and the Offshore Wind (OSW) development activities, I direct your attention to Diablo power plant Engagement Panel's public meeting in May. The meeting was centered on Parcel P which is one of PG&E's owned parcels, its repurpose status, opportunities and implications. Officials from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), San Luis Obispo County, PG& E and Orsted Energy offered their insights and opinions regarding OSW and its connection with Diablo's future. Here is the [link](#) to the presentations.

In closing, I'd like to share a few snapshots from the past month. These include: Council Member Ford and I at the county fairground recognizing the amazing people who make the Mid-State County Fair possible; Council Member Barton and I at the Integrated Waste Management Agency's annual summit, where we learned about CalRecycle regulations, best implementation practices, and met the new zero-emission/gas-powered garbage truck; local City Managers bidding farewell to Derek Johnson, former City Manager of San Luis Obispo; and lastly, I attend the annual Mermaid and Pirate Parade.



Thank you for allowing me to share these photos. Although I might not have met everyone, please know that I am committed to our city's well-being through collaboration, hard work, innovation, and team spirit. This philosophy is embraced by all departments, as demonstrated in the following sections on City departments.

Wishing you all a wonderful and much-anticipated June.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Kimball

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Morro Bay Police Department

May 2024

Department Update

Welcome Community Service Officer Jacob Vasquez

On May 6th, the Morro Bay Police Department welcomed Jacob Vasquez to the department and City team. Jacob was sworn in as the department's newest Community Service Officer (CSO). Jacob began his law enforcement career with the Morro Bay Police Department in January of 2021 and a member of the department's Explorer Post. Jacob resides in Atascadero with his family and is a recent graduate of Tempelton Independent Study High School. Over the past year, Jacob has been working hard to graduate high school, held his position as a police explorer, and has worked for the City of Atascadero at the Pavilion on the Lake. Jacob is dedicated to serving his community. We are thrilled to have Jacob join our team in the important position of Community Service Officer. The CSO responds to calls regarding theft, vandalism, traffic collisions, and lost property, as well as performing a wide array of tasks and functions for the department. Welcome to the team Jacob!



National Police Week & Peace Officer Memorial

National Police Week offers honor, remembrance, and peer support, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty. On May 16th, members of the Morro Bay Police Department Honor Guard and

department staff joined law enforcement agencies from across San Luis Obispo County to honor fallen officers from around California.



IRONMAN 70.3 Morro Bay

On May 19th, the city welcomed the second running of the IRONMAN 70.3 Morro Bay Triathlon. The event welcomed 1,800 athletes and another 6,000 spectators to our city for the event held on Sunday this year. City departments such as Police, Fire, Harbor, Public Works, Recreation, and City Administration were all part of the preparation for this year's event. Over 80 law enforcement personnel from Paso Robles, Atascadero, Fish and Wildlife, CA State Parks, San Luis Obispo PD, San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, and Santa Maria came to Morro Bay to assist with the event to make it safe for all to enjoy.

This year, IRONMAN brought to our city the IRONKIDS event that took place on Saturday at Cloisters Park. The event welcomed 77 IRONKIDS entries for the diaper crawl and a ½ mile run.

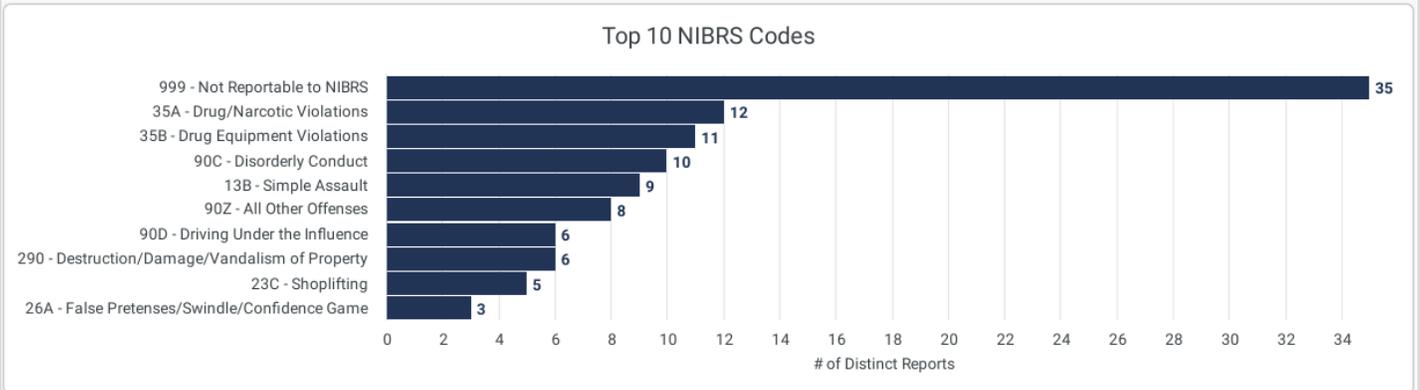
The next IRONMAN 70.3 Morro Bay will be held Sunday, May 18, 2025. This marks the final year in the city's three-year contract with the organizer. There remains a possibility for future IRONMAN events after the event in 2025.



Department Operations

Statistics for May

In May, the Morro Bay Police Department responded to 442 calls for service during the 30-day period, authored 84 reports, and performed 58 arrests.



Community Events

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

For the first time in San Luis Obispo County, local law enforcement partnered with Vitalant for the First Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. Battle of the Badges is a friendly competition between local law enforcement and public safety agencies who compete to see who can recruit the most blood donors during the competition. The Morro Bay Police Department gathered 33 donations and hosted these donors in the Vitalant Donation Bus parked in the Morro Bay Community Center parking lot. Morro Bay Police Department took second place out of all law enforcement agencies in San Luis Obispo County.



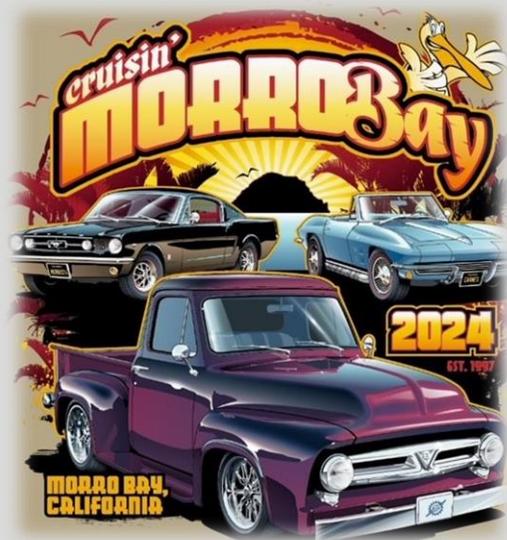
Special Olympics

Members of your Morro Bay Police Department participated in this year's San Luis Obispo County Special Olympics held at Cuesta College on May 3rd. Morro Bay Police Department maintains a long history of support, participation, and fundraising efforts to the Special Olympics of Southern California/SLO County. On May 3rd, officers attended the opening ceremonies and athlete events on the Cuesta College campus. Officers cheered for all the athletes and a little bit louder for our Morro Bay High School athletes who participated.



Morro Bay Cruisin' Car Show

Members of the Morro Bay Police Department Volunteer Unit and Explorer Post put their talents on display during this year's Morro Bay Car Show and Cruise Night. Road closures for Friday's Cruise Night and Saturday's Show required street closures and large amounts of signage to ensure the event could take place.



Fire Chief's Message

As we head into summer, your Morro Bay Firefighters have been busy training and preparing for fire season. The crews are doing annual wildfire refresher training including completing an arduous pack test that consists of a 45-pound weighted pack that must be worn while completing a 3-mile hike in under 45 minutes. This test ensures the crew members are physically fit and able to perform the tasks required on a wildland fire. Also, in preparation for fire season the Morro Bay Fire Department is exchanging one of our fire apparatus with the City of Atascadero. Morro Bay will be exchanging our heavy rescue vehicle for a type 3 wildland fire engine. The equipment from the heavy rescue is being redistributed to the other fire engines, and seldom used equipment is being relocated to our disaster response trailer. This will ensure we still have all the necessary equipment for any rescue needs. We will be receiving a wildland fire engine to afford us better capabilities for grass and brush fires in and around Morro Bay. We are excited to add this new resource to the city to meet the increasing threats of wildfire.

As a reminder the annual weed abatement deadline is June 15th, 2024. After this date the Fire Marshal will begin inspecting properties to ensure they have complied with the weed abatement requirements. The abatement guidelines are

- Clear annual grasses and weeds on empty lots to no more than 4" high by mowing (disking or rototilling are not permitted).
- Remove dead bushes, tree limbs, excess trash, wood and other combustibles. Side and backyards shall also be abated.
- All cuttings within 10 feet of adjoining properties, streets or sidewalks must be removed. Sidewalks, gutters, and street areas shall be left clean. No piles or clumps shall be left on the property; however, finely cut material may be scattered, providing the above requirements are met and material will not blow onto adjoining properties or street areas.
- If there are any weed abatement questions, please contact the Fire department at (805)772-6242

The Battery Energy Storage project is being reviewed by myself and Division Chief/ Fire Marshal Matt Vierra. We have secured a contract with DNV Energy to provide an independent expert peer review of the fire and life safety documents we receive from the applicant Vistra. DNV Energy will review documents such as the Environmental Impact Report, Offsite Consequences Analysis, and any other document for this project related to fire and safety. They will provide validation of the data we receive and provide recommendations based on industry best practices. I will also be attending the national Fire Protection Association (NFPA) annual seminar where I will be attending multiple workshops on battery energy storage systems, managing BESS emergencies, Fire and plume modeling for battery systems, emergency response to electric vehicles and mobility devices, BESS explosion mitigation, and many other topics related to battery technology taught by industry

experts and leading researchers. This information is essential to helping us evaluate this development project based on the most current research and industry best practices.

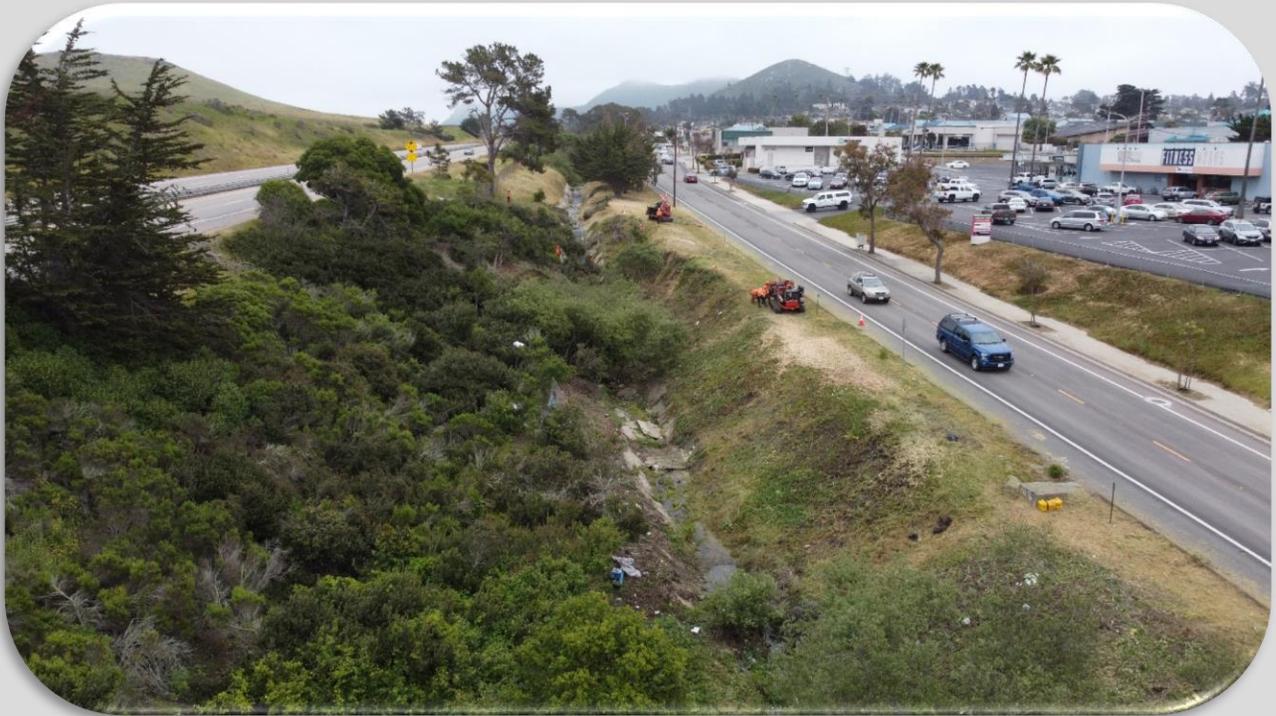
Finally, the Morro Bay Fire Department would like to welcome four Seasonal Firefighters to the department. These Seasonals will help increase our staffing for the summer allowing more flexibility to assist on large incidents throughout the state while ensuring adequate coverage in the city.

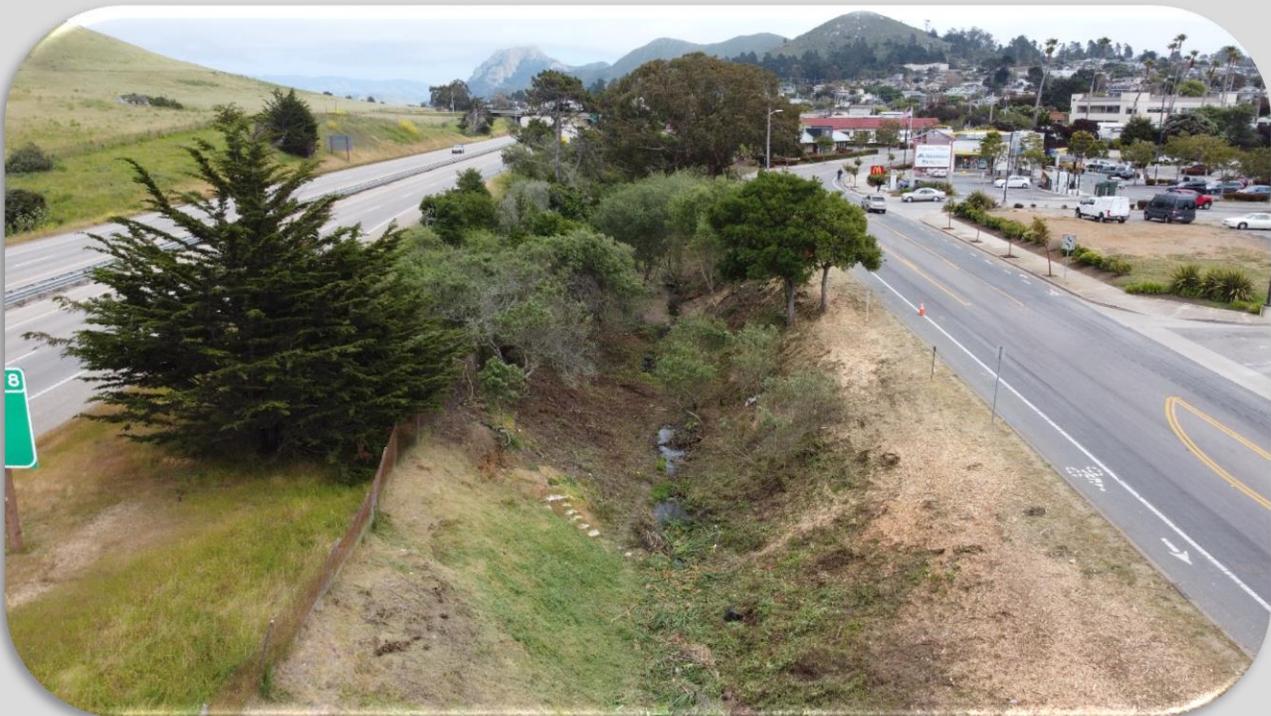


From left to right, James Schmits, Sean Decker, Owen Taffe, Annie Ackert

Wildfire Preparation

In preparation for the upcoming wildfire season, the Morro Bay Fire Department coordinated a fire hazard fuels mitigation project in a partnership with the San Luis Obispo Fire Safe Council and private property owners. The Fire Safe Council provided crews and equipment to remove hazardous weeds and brush along Quintana Road between Burger King and Couch Potato. This fuels reduction project was completed with the goal of removing a heavy accumulation of brush and weeds to reduce the fire risk in this highly travelled area. This project was completed with grant funding provided through the Fire Safe Council. I would like to thank Public Works for providing traffic warning signs and cones, and the Police Department for providing the electronic message board for traffic notification during this project.





Understanding Fire Hazard Severity Zones

The State Fire Marshal is mandated to classify lands within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) into Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ). These zones are classified in three categories, Moderate, High, and Very High. The Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps are developed using a science-based and field-tested model that assigns a hazard score based on the factors that influence fire likelihood and fire behavior. Many factors are considered such as fire history, existing and potential fuel

(natural vegetation), predicted flame length, blowing embers, terrain, and typical fire weather for the area. These zones evaluate the hazard based on the physical conditions that create a likelihood and expected fire behavior over a 30 to 50-year period without considering mitigation measures such as home hardening, recent wildfire, or fuel reduction efforts.

The City of Morro Bay is considered a local Responsibility Area and does not have State Fire Hazard Severity Zones located within city limits. The City is bordered by SRA with a High FHSZ in the area East of Nutmeg between HWY 41 and Elena Street and North of Highway 1 near Teresa Drive. There is a Very high FHSZ South of Morro Bay along South Bay Boulevard and Quintana Road. Information about these zones and an interactive map is available [here](#).

Fire insurance

Throughout the state, property owners have been receiving notices that their homeowner's insurance policies are not being renewed, or they are having difficulty obtaining a policy. Multiple insurance companies have stopped issuing new policies in either certain areas or even the entire state of California, some are cancelling existing policies. Some of these insurance providers limiting services in California include Allstate, Farmers, State Farm, The Hartford, Tokio Marine America, and Trans-Pacific Insurance.

For Morro Bay residents that own property in other areas of the state that have experienced wildfires, the California Department of Insurance has issued a one-year moratorium on non-renewals for people in or near a fire perimeter after a declared disaster. More information may be obtained at the following website [here](#).

If you are unable to obtain fire insurance for your home or business through traditional insurance brokers, basic fire insurance is available through the California Fair Plan Property insurance program. Please visit the following website: <https://www.cfpnet.com/>

Harbor

ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

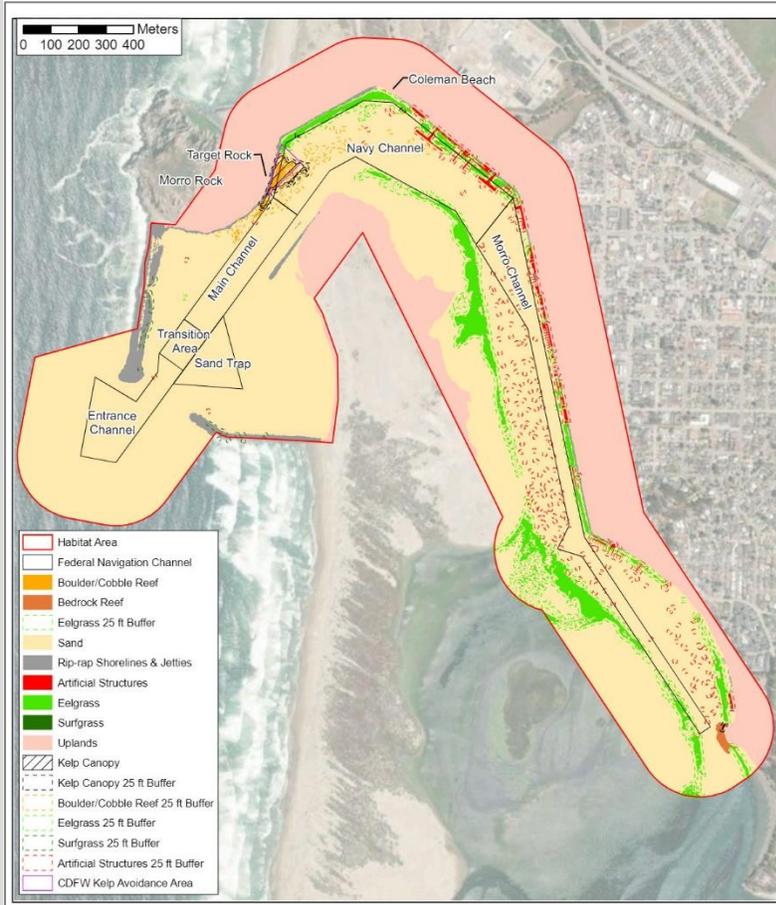


The annual harbor inlet dredge cycle started as planned on May 9, with an anticipated completion date of May 30. This typical annual dredge accounts for the removal of 200,000 to 250,000 cubic yards of clean sand that is deposited offshore. The City of Morro Bay was awarded over \$14 million for the dredge cycle in 2025. That dredge cycle will include the typical annual harbor inlet dredge and will occur during the regular dates in May 2025. Later that year, a contractor for the Army Corp will dredge the channel back towards the State Park. The dredging of the harbor inlet and back channel is critically important to provide a safe harbor entrance and ensure navigation throughout Morro Bay Harbor.



Harbor employees Becka Kelly, Charlie Howard, Estero Bay Estuary program Exe Dir. Melodie Grubbs, Public Works Senior Civil Engineer Austin Della, and Neil Farell from Estero Bay News tour Yaqina (photo credit- Yvonne Kimball)

FALL 2025 DREDGE / NAVY CHANNEL & MORRO CHANNEL



UTV ARRIVES



The Harbor Department UTV arrived and will be outfitted with emergency lights, public address sound system, medical spine board and other lifesaving equipment. Thanks to the Friends of Morro Bay Harbor Department for their generous donation. The Harbor UTV is expected to be in operation on City beaches by summer.

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO GRANT FUNDING



The City of Morro Bay is working with the County of San Luis Obispo on an environmental impact and infrastructure study of the Harbor waters and bay. The County received \$1,000,000 of State funds for a study on proposed infrastructure to support offshore wind development. The funds were to be dedicated to Port San Luis, Cal Poly Pier and Morro Bay Harbor. The City of Morro Bay was able to dedicate the funding to an advanced environmental study on the impacts the development of offshore wind infrastructure and activities would have on our sensitive environment. That information will be shared with our residents and stakeholders throughout the study period.

Public Works

2024 marks the 64th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association. A proclamation declaring National Public Works Week May 19 through May 25, 2024 “Advancing Quality of Life for All” was adopted by the City Council and presented to the Public Works Director.



Employees of Public Works are recognized at a City Council meeting as the Dept. accepts the Public Works Week proclamation.

The 2024 Trolley season will kick off June 1, operating from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday through October 6, 2024. The North and Downtown Trolley routes will bring visitors from the campgrounds at Morro Bay State Park and Morro Strand State Park to the Downtown and Waterfront. Making its debut this season



is a new vehicle that was delivered to the City in early May. For information on the Trolley routes and stops, click on the following link <https://www.morrobayca.gov/mbtrolley2024>.

ENGINEERING:

When will roads be paved around town? Here is a rough tentative schedule for paving this year and next.

- Slurry Seal Project, approved for FY23 (\$1.7 Million)
 - Will extend life of 4-5 miles of roadway on mostly arterial and collector roadways, including Embarcadero.
 - Currently being designed by a consultant.
 - Bid to be released in June.
 - Work to start in October to avoid tourist season along Embarcadero.

- Pavement Rehab Project, approved for FY24 (\$2.1 Million + any additional funds allocated by Council next month)
 - Will repair failed areas of roads in commercial and residential neighborhoods around the City.
 - RFP for design is currently out and will receive responses this week.
 - Bid to be released in June.
 - Work to start in September.

- Targeted Minor Repairs, to be requested with FY25 budget
 - Depending on funding, will include minor repairs of failed roadways around the City, mostly in residential neighborhoods.

Final Closeout for Emergency Relief Project - South Bay Boulevard and State Park Road

The City of Morro Public Works Department is pleased to announce the final closeout for Emergency Relief Emergency Opening project, South Bay Blvd at State Park Road. The project costs of \$274,675 were reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Following the devastating storms of January and February 2023, which caused widespread flooding and damage to multiple roads under FHWA jurisdiction, the City of Morro took swift action to address the aftermath.

This Project consisted of repair and stabilization of shoulder backing on South Bay Boulevard near State Park Road. Papich Construction Company completed the work after Yeh and Associates detailed the repair procedure and oversaw the construction. This is one of 4 projects that resulted from the flooding caused by the storm in January of 2023 within FHWA jurisdiction. The damage incurred on minor arterial roads falling under FHWA jurisdiction posing additional challenges as these areas are not covered by FEMA. City Staff pursued reimbursement applications for the four critical projects that met the qualifications for Emergency Relief and Emergency Opening projects.

These projects included:

1. Embarcadero/Beach Street Storm Drain repair
2. Pavement repairs on Radcliff and Main Street

3. Shoulder repairs and rip rap backing on South Bay Boulevard and State Park Road (completed)
4. Additional shoulder repairs on South Bay Boulevard

The successful closeout of one of these projects marks a significant milestone for the City of Morro Bay. Such achievements are a testament to the dedication and perseverance of City Staff, who navigated a complex process fraught with paperwork and administrative hurdles.

The City of Morro continues to navigate the reimbursement process with FEMA for remaining projects.

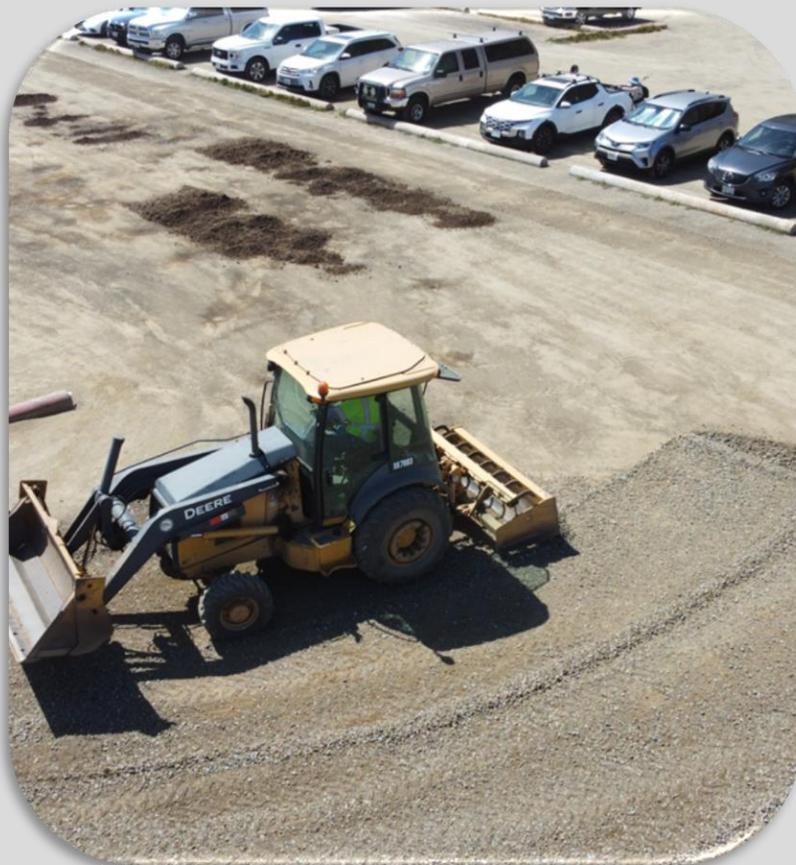
MAINTENANCE:

Police Station: The Maintenance Division made improvements to the Police Department Building. New flooring, cabinets and office furniture were installed by the Maintenance team. Asbestos abatement was also conducted on two of the rooms.





Rock Parking Lot: The winter storms left behind a large number of potholes throughout the parking lot. Red rock material was brought in and spread across the parking lot to smooth out the parking lot.



Monty Young Tennis Courts:

A windstorm in early February damaged the fence around the tennis court. A contractor has installed new fencing on the damaged sections, and the courts are now open to the public.



UTILITIES:

Emergency Repairs

On May 7th one of the pump motors failed on the Elena booster pump station after years of service. There are two pump motors at the booster station for redundancy, but it is critical to have both working at all times. Staff was able to quickly locate a new motor for the pump and began installing it as soon as it was delivered. The Elena pump station is a critical piece of equipment for the water distribution system in that area of town because it is used to deliver water to the Nutmeg water storage tank. The Nutmeg water tank is not only used to supply water to the homes in the area, but it also serves as water storage for fire suppression in the Nutmeg Pressure Zone. Staff continues to monitor the new motor to ensure that it is operating correctly and makes any adjustments as needed.



Motor Removal



New Motor Installed

Preventative Maintenance on Sewer Mains:

Every three years Utilities contracts with Dukes Root Control Inc. to treat various sewer lines within the City. Dukes Root Control is currently in town conducting the triannual root treatment. This preventative care helps keep the sewer pipes root free. Roots and grease are the #1 cause of sewer system overflows (SSOs). The best course of action to prevent SSOs is preventative care, ensuring the sewer mains are root free. Dukes uses a root control herbicide to treat the roots, it is a thick foam that is sprayed into the sewer mains, adheres to roots, and kills the roots. The trees and other above ground vegetation remains unharmed. This method has proven to be more effective than mechanical root removal, physically cutting roots can damage the sewer pipe and can trigger regrowth leading to more frequent maintenance. This preventative maintenance of the sewer mains prolongs the life of the sewer pipes and therefore is a cost savings over time.



Public Tours for Water Resources Center:

On May 16th and 18th Utilities hosted several tours of the Utilities Division at the Water Resources Center. These tours get an in depth look into the different division within Utilities. Wastewater Collections educates visitors on how sewer mains are maintained and the “do’s and don’ts” of what to flush. Water Treatment and Distribution crews educate visitors on how their water laterals are connected to the water mains, how their meter works and how to tell if you have a water leak. They also go over various maintenance activities performed throughout the system. The tour also includes a walk through the wastewater plant including the Lab where visitors can look under the microscope and see the microbiology within the wastewater plant. Last the tour walks through the Advanced Water Treatment facility and learns how this water is treated to a very high water quality through the Reverse Osmosis and Ultra Violet light processes.



During the month of May Utilities crews also completed various tasks throughout the entire utility system.

Water Treatment/Distribution:

USAs: 70
Meters Locked off for Non-Payment: 3
Unread Water Meters: 79
High Water Meter Reads Investigated: 15
Zero Read Water Meters Investigated: 0
Sample Station Residuals Checked: 25
Tanks Inspections Completed: 51
Meters Exchanged: 0
Water Complaints: 2
Valves Exercised: 0
Hydrants Maintenance Performed: 1
State Water Purchased: approx. 26.2 Million Gallons
BWRO Gallons Produced: 369,200 Gallons

Water Resources Center:

Gallons Processed: 23 Million
Waste Hauled: approx. 126 Tons
Work Orders Completed: 153
2x Tours: May 16th and May 18th

Wastewater Collections:

Sewer Main Lines Cleaned: 1924 ft
Sewer Main Lines Camera'd: 318 ft
Lateral Inspections: 1
Manhole Rehabilitated: 1
F.O.G. Inspections: 7
All Lift Station Alarms Tested
All Emergency Generators Tested
Removed Graffiti at Pipe Bridge
Pulled the Float Tree at Lift Station 2 and Cleaned

Utilities crews repaired two water leaks, one on Estero and one on Kern.



HIRING NOW



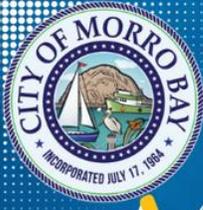
FULL TIME OPENINGS

- Accounting Manager
- Police Sergeant
- IT Systems Analyst

PART TIME TEMPORARY OPENINGS

- Office Assistant - Harbor
- Office Assistant - Community Development
- Pool Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Sports/Events Coordinator
- Sports Official
- Sports Maintenance Worker

APPLY ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT
[HTTPS://WWW.MORROBAYCA.GOV/832/EMPLOYMENT-OPPORTUNITIES](https://www.morrobayca.gov/832/EMPLOYMENT-OPPORTUNITIES)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**BE A PART OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BECOME A
BOARD MEMBER. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

Recreation & Parks Commission

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Friday, June 28, 2024 by 5 PM

**Contact us at (805) 772-6568 or
cityclerk@morrobayca.gov**

www.morrobayca.gov/advisorybody



Administrative Services (Finance and IT)

Administrative Services is thrilled to announce the [FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget](#) is live and ready to view! We anticipate returning to City Council with the Final Budget on June 25, 2024.

In addition to budget development, the Finance team has been busy with day-to-day operations: processing payroll, accounts payable, utility billing, revenue, and accounting. The department has had two vacancies since last October and December. The uninterrupted, timely service delivery of this department while experiencing a 22% vacancy rate is a testament to the commitment, dedication, and collaboration of the Administrative Services team. However, we are ready to fill those vacancies and add new talent to the team!

Our [Accounting Manager](#) position is currently vacant and being recruited, which means a significant amount of work has to be distributed amongst staff. We are very fortunate to benefit from the skills and talents of Al LaBossiere, retired CPA and Finance Manager, who has joined us as temporary extra help. He is in the office Thursdays and Fridays, helping us keep up on accounting work. We are grateful to him for diverting some of his leisure time to provide needed extra help with accounting.

IT Manager Mark Kurrels has been single-handedly keeping the IT Department going since January; we need to find the City's next [Information Technology Systems Analyst](#) so he can get the help he needs to continue providing excellent internal customer service as well as to continue monitoring and protecting the City's cyber security.

Anyone interested in either [Accounting Manager](#) or the [Information Technology Systems Analyst](#) position can apply online, or contact Human Resources at (805) 772-6207!

Recreation

Administration

Facilities

In May, the Morro Bay Community Center and Veteran's Hall hosted a few large events and many smaller events! The month started off with a "far out" wedding – the Auditorium was decked out for a 60's themed ceremony and reception! The Cruisin' Car Show took place the same weekend, fancy cars were seen all throughout town. The Cruisin' Car show hosted a BBQ Lunch in the Multi-Purpose room. Over at the Vet's Hall a company hosted their employee appreciation dinner – after a long day at sea with Virg's Charter, the company dined at the Vet's Hall and enjoyed a visit to the Embarcadero. Lastly, the South T-Pier was the ideal location for one couple to tie the knot with friends and family!

MAY FACILITY USAGE HOURS	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
	Usage Hours
Auditorium	122
Studio	112
Kitchens	190
Multi-Purpose Room	119
Conference Room	140
Total	683
VET'S HALL	
Assembly/Meeting	138
Stage	12
Kitchen	19
Total	169

Community Classes

MAY CLASS PARTICIPATION NUMBERS	
COMMUNITY CENTER	Participants
Quilt Fever	52
Freestyle Fitness	38
Pilates	21
Dance Fit	78
Zumba	55
Open Flow	47
Okinawan Karate	18
Arts & Crafts Club	36
Total	345

Special Events

Recreation Services is in full planning mode with our upcoming 4th of July Family Fun Day! This year, we will kick off the day with our annual Red, White, and Blue bike parade followed by fun activities at Tidelands Park including a bounce house, carnival games, food, music, and fun for all!

Recreation Services is also spearheading the City's 60th Anniversary of Incorporation set for September 5-7! City staff is working with our MB Chamber of Commerce, Visit MB, and the community to schedule three days of celebration fun!

The Annual Mermaid, Sea Creature and Pirate Parade was held Saturday May 18th. It was a seaworthy event with over 150 mermaids, pirates, and sea creatures voyaging to our destination. We want to thank Mark Tognazzini and the staff at Dockside too for hosting the "Shell-ebration".



Also taking place on Saturday, May 18, was the inaugural IRONKIDS event at our Cloisters Park. Recreation Services worked with a student group from Cal Poly Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration and IRONMAN to help produce this event. We had 77 IRONKIDS participate!



Seniors

May was another busy month for the seniors. Although the Cuesta College classes ended mid-month for summer break, we still had full classes for all other activities. On May 16, we held a volunteer appreciation event with a lot of great food and kind words for the group that really makes

the Senior Center special. The following day there was a presentation on caring for a loved one with dementia and those seminars are always extremely educational.

The last two Fridays of the month are dedicated to our AARP Driving class where seniors come and get updated on the new laws and regulations as well as refreshing the ones they learned when they were 16 years old and first took the driving exam!

As we move into the summer months, we are excited to add a new Cuesta class called 'Introduction to Watercolor and Drawing' as well as adding another session of yoga to our schedule.

June 13 will be our first 'tournament' at our Bocce Ball courts. Designed to introduce more locals to the sport, it should be a fun day.



The picture is from a Senior Art Show (the works come from our Watercolor and Drawing classes) that runs in the month of May at Buttercup Café.

Youth Services

May 10th was Childcare Providers Appreciation Day! We celebrate all our Awesome Kids' Club and Kids' Camp staff.



Youth Services hosted our Summer Kickoff "Campout" Kids' Night Out on Friday May 24th.



MAY YOUTH SERVICES	
Kids' Club	Participants
Before School	630
Kinder	314
After School	1260
Drop In	126
Kids' Night Out	17
Total	2347

Aquatics

The Morro Bay Aquatic Center Spring programming is in full swing. Offering Lap Swim, Aqua Aerobics, Masters Swim, Private and Semiprivate Swim Lessons, and Junior Guard Bootcamp.



This spring the aquatic staff is providing private lessons on Sunday's teaching water safety and swim skills to all age groups and skill levels. Junior Guard Boot Camp (pool program) ages 9yr – 14yr is just wrapping up its final session. Our aquatics staff is proud to offer this course to help swimmers improve their swim technique, endurance and improve treading water skills that are crucial to ocean swimming. Bootcamp also teaches water safety skills, paddling skills and introducing lifeguard rescue skills. We were able to introduce a younger Bootcamp class this spring to include 5yr-8yr working on the same skill sets. Both courses were sold out this session. Aquatic staff loved working with all age groups getting them ready to hit the beach this summer.



Aquatics staff stepped off the pool deck and into spring training teaching Title 22 first aid (and CPR for professional rescuer) for first responders. This American Red Cross course meets state and local regulations for our aquatic first responders including our pool lifeguard staff, our beach lifeguard staff, our Junior Guards lifeguard staff, and our full-time Harbor Patrol Officers. This 28-hour course covers CPR for Professional Rescuers and advanced first aid skills, some examples are ranging from basic care of broken bones to head neck and spinal injury to topics like emergency childbirth.



Title 22 Class

First Aid for First Responders



We are excited to be able to provide a positive safe environment to learn and improve aquatic skills, get exercise, and work on rehabilitation.

May Aquatics Programming and Schedule

Lap Swim	Participants
Monday - Friday 11:30am - 2pm	850
Tuesday & Thursday 6am - 8am	
Sunday 10am – 2:30pm	
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Aqua Aerobics	123
Monday - Friday 11:30am – 12:30pm	
Tuesday & Thursday 7am - 8am	
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Master's Swim Team	43
Tuesday & Thursdays 6:30am – 7:30am	
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Private and Semiprivate Swim Lessons	138
Sundays 10am – 2:30pm (by ½ hours)	
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Junior Guards Bootcamp	147
Sunday 1:30pm – 2:30pm	

Sports

On May 4, we capped off a great recreational girls' softball season with an end of season tournament. Shortly thereafter, the league hosted tryouts for the All-Star teams. With the turnout, we created two All-Star teams that will continue to play in tournaments in hopes of competing in the State Association Championships in July. The teams will begin tournament play in May and continue through the Summer. Both teams will represent our league at the "Coast Summer Slam" tournament that we are bringing back this year. The tournament will take place at two locations on Father's Day Weekend: Lila Keiser Park and Monarch Grove Elementary School in Los Osos. Thus far, we have 18 All-Star teams signed up. We look forward to players from across California coming to Morro Bay to see the great things we have to offer here on the coast!



Coast Summer Slam

Coast Girls
SOFTBALL

3 GAMES GUARANTEED

USA SOFTBALL "C" TOURNAMENT

DIVISIONS: 8U/10U/12U COST: \$550.00 PER TEAM

When: June 14-16 2024

LOCATION OF GAMES @ LILA KEISER PARK (MORRO BAY) AND MONARCH GROVE (LOS OSOS)

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Our numbers increased significantly since last season for the Estero Bay Flag Football League. In the past two seasons we have had 12 teams, as compared to 24 teams joining in on the action this season. The league is still accepting registrations where we have space. Totals thus far are:

- First and Second Grade Division: 19 Players
- Third and Fourth Grade Division: 72 Players
- Fifth and Sixth Grade Division: 40 Players
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Division: 27 Players

Our league is an NFL Flag affiliated program, where each team will get to don an NFL team's uniform. We are excited to begin the season with preseason games on June 7.



Our Junior Lifeguard Program will kick off for Volunteers on June 7, with the beach session program starting June 17. In total, we have 200 youth aged 9-15 ready to get their Junior Lifeguard "Certification" between four 2-weeks sessions.



Community Development

Building Permits

May was a busy month for the Building Division with 45 permits issued with a total valuation of \$1.5 million. The majority of plan check and inspection work was associated with 14 permits for residential additions and alterations. The highest value was associated with two new single-family residences. The remaining permits were primarily reroofing and solar permits.

Planning Division

Work in the Planning Division included the Planning Commission's workshop to receive public comment on the BESS project. 15 speakers provided public testimony at the meeting. The next day, the City welcomed over 50 people to the Vet's Hall for a workshop on the Power Plan Master Plan.



The event was covered by KSBY: <https://www.ksby.com/morro-bay/options-for-morro-bay-power-plant-property-discussed-at-master-plan-workshop>

Staff also provided the City Council with an update on Short-Term Vacation Rentals in May, and is moving forward with its plan to fully implement the ordinance.

Finally, the public comment period on the BESS project closed on Tuesday, May 28th. City staff and the consultants from Rincon are compiling and reviewing all of the comments received. Comments will be responded to as part of the Final EIR.

Planning Commission Outlook

On June 4th, the Planning Commission's agenda includes a conceptual review of Bayside Landing and Suites. The project includes renovation of the existing building on 495 Embarcadero and redevelopment of lease sites on 451 and 431 Embarcadero. The overall project would add eight hotel units to the Embarcadero, along with new retail spaces, a new floating dock, new finger slips, an expanded Harbor walk, public restroom, and a second-story observation deck with public access. Feedback from the Planning Commission will enable the applicant, Associated Pacific Constructors, to submit a complete application for future action.