



## City Manager's Update

**June 30, 2024**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup>! Let's get in the patriotic spirit and be sure to head to Tidelands Park this Fourth of July for our City's 2024 Family Fun Day event. Taking place on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 5 pm in Morro Bay, everyone can enjoy live music, participate in the third annual "Red", White and Blue bike parade, and a day filled with festivities. This event is brought to us by the City's Recreation Services Division. The City is also hosting the Rock to Pier Run on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information about these exciting events, please read on to the following Recreation pages or find Morro Bay Recreation on [Facebook](#). I also want to remind everyone to stay safe while celebrating. In the Fire Department section, we have included information on firework safety and the permitted and prohibited use of fireworks.

As City Manager, I quietly celebrate June 30<sup>th</sup> every year because it marks the closure of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and projects hopes into the coming year. On this fiscal year eve, I am pleased to announce that we have reached two significant milestones: we have passed the FY 2024/25 Budget; and we obtained approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) with all three bargaining groups as well as the salary schedules for unrepresented employees.

The FY 2024-25 operating budget represents a structurally balanced budget with robust reserve levels which will be relied upon in the coming years absent a change in current revenue trends. This budget centers around City Council's strategic goals with clear statements linking departmental expenditure to performance objectives. The total Citywide revenue budget for FY 2024-25 is \$50.3 million (net of transfers), an increase of 5% over prior year, and the citywide expenditure budget for FY 2024-25 is \$60.6 million (net of transfers), a 24% decrease over the prior year's amended budget. This decrease is due to the substantial completion of the water treatment facility construction. For full details of the budget, please click here: <https://www.morrobayca.gov/1073/15113/FY-2024-25-Budget> This budget is deeply special to me

because it is truly an amazing product by my team of exceptional staff, many of whom, including myself are still in our first year with the City. The synergy, the depth and the dedication throughout the process is incredible and will be cherished for many years to come. Particularly I would like to thank Melissa Green, Administrative Programs Manager, and Emily Conrad, Finance Director, for the outstanding budget work. We would not have this budget without either one of them.

Concerning the MOUs and this year's negotiations, they are three-year contracts and therefore require an incredible amount of work to complete all at once. Despite the combined workload, this is the first time in recent years when all bargaining groups completed the negotiations before the adoption of the annual budget, marking this year's process a success. Additionally, we implemented a new approach in this negotiations cycle. In the past, the City Attorney's office played the chief negotiator role. This year I decided to empower in-house talents of the City's HR and Finance Team to take on the chief negotiator responsibilities. Some concerned citizens asked me why I made this change, especially when many of our employees are overworked and still new. I'd be remiss not to point out the City's creation of a dedicated HR Office a year ago brought us the skills and hard work necessary for this in-house negotiation approach. As soon as I recognized City's in-house talents, such as Racheal Hendricks, HR/Risk Manager, and the dedication of other employees, I knew we could successfully conduct in-house negotiations. Trying something new naturally adds complexity to the already challenging negotiation task; however, my amazing team adapted and delivered an outstanding result. In reflection, while the City has greatly benefited from the City Attorney's expertise in past negotiations and will always engage the City Attorney's office to ensure legal oversight and compliance, I firmly believe this in-house approach is more beneficial in many ways. It empowers employees and further recognizes that City employees have a vested interest in the well-being of the city. It promotes employee leadership development, knowledge retention, fosters direct communication among employees, and builds trust. Ultimately it serves the best interests of our city and employees. Speaking from my own experiences, I led negotiations in my former cities. I can attest that many public agencies successfully use their own employees for negotiations. I am grateful that my Morro Bay City Council and staff have supported me in my efforts to leverage internal expertise to conduct negotiations. More importantly, I am proud of the adaptability and the skills of my staff.

While recapping FY 23/24, I recalled at a council meeting, a Council Member once asked me to provide examples of operational efficiencies by our staff. I highlighted a few at the meeting, such as the Police Department engaging volunteers for daily tasks, the Fire Department using seasonal firefighters to help flush hydrants, the Public Works Maintenance Division partnering with Morro Bay in Bloom on a new trashcan initiative (find more info in the PW section), and the Police Department donating retired vehicles to other departments for daily use. There are many other examples that I couldn't cover at the meeting. Today, I want to highlight how the Utilities Division demonstrates efficiency:

One way is through its staffing structure. To provide safe and reliable water and wastewater services, the City is required to staff utility operations with state-certified water and wastewater operators. In Morro Bay, having staff that can work in multiple areas is highly beneficial. The Utilities multi-cert program allows operators to be certified in all areas of utilities, including water treatment, water distribution, wastewater collection, and wastewater treatment. This certification overlap saves the division from adding more staff, thus saving money. During emergencies, having employees who can assist in areas they don't normally work in is very helpful. Unlike Morro Bay,

many other utility operations spend a lot of money to ensure they have extra certified staff for occasional emergencies.

Another advantage of having highly trained operators is their ability to perform some equipment and electrical repairs in-house, limiting the need for outside contractors. Additionally, hiring our own staff for various tasks rather than contracting out helps us get more done efficiently. With the construction of the Water Reclamation Center, the Utilities Division needed to support the technologies and controls (or SCADA system) for the new wastewater plant and pump stations. We also needed to integrate the existing lift stations and water system. To handle system monitoring, we created the Operational Technology Specialist position, which has saved the Division hundreds of thousands of dollars by optimizing the existing technologies used daily.

Employing technology in the Utilities Division, having a fully operational SCADA system allows operators to remotely monitor and control the system, which is more convenient and improves safety. For example, previously, running the water treatment plant required two operators onsite to start up the plant. One would be at the wells, starting them and communicating back to the operator at the water treatment plant. Now, the wells can be turned on remotely from an iPad at the water treatment facility while the same operator gets the facility up and running. With technology's help, the controls of the treatment plants are integrated into a computer and can now be operated directly from a tablet.

For those interested in touring the new Reclamation Plant and learning more about how water is treated and distributed or how wastewater is treated, please contact Utilities Operations Manager Damaris Hanson at [dhanson@morrobayca.gov](mailto:dhanson@morrobayca.gov) or (805) 772-6265. Damaris has been with the City for 17 years and is one of our longest-tenured employees. Go Damaris!

Lastly, I want to share a few photos of my recent activities and engagements. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Kimball

City Manager – [ykimball@morrobayca.gov](mailto:ykimball@morrobayca.gov); cell: 805-440-4450



*Mayor and Council Members attending Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala. State officials were also present. I too attended the event along with other city employees. Can you recognize the remarkable women next to me? That's our Police Chief Amy Watkins looking wonderful at the Gala. This photo was taken by the City Engineer Technician Pam Newman who also attended the event (Thank you, Pam!)*



*June 21, 2024 - US Coast Guard Morro Bay Station Change of Guard ceremony. From left: Capt. Stacey Crecy, Commander, USCG Sector LA/Long Beach; Yvonne Kimball, City Manager Morro Bay; BMC Eric Ceallaigh, Officer in Charge Morro Bay, USCG; Becka Kelly, Morro Bay Harbor Patrol Supervisor (Thanks to Dana Stein, Harbor Officer, for taking this photo)*

## Morro Bay Police Department

June 2024

### Department Updates

#### MBPD Explorer POST 43 in San Diego for Explorer Academy

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Morro Bay Police Department sent four of our Police Explorers to the San Diego Law Enforcement Explorer Academy. The academy takes place on the campus of UC San Diego and offers three levels of explorer training. This is a six-day intensive academy that challenges our explorers with physical training, classroom instruction, law enforcement scenarios, and officer safety. MBPD Explorers Jacob Vasquez, Victor Perez, Tony Mendoza, and Isaac Perry will graduate on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Explorers!



## **MBPD In the Community**

### Ride to School with the Chief

As part of a PTA Fundraiser at Del Mar School, Chief Amy Watkins had the privilege of driving two Del Mar students to school. The drive to school included a stop at the donut shop for a quick breakfast and many pictures with MBPD officers to commemorate the event. Thank you to Del Mar PTA for this amazing opportunity to be a part of the last week of school.



### Coffee with a Cop

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Morro Bay Police Department held a Coffee with a Cop event at Daisy's Organic Coffee & Tea on the Embarcadero. Thank you to Tony and his amazing staff for helping us make this event a huge success. Officers and the community got together for coffee and a conversation. Dozens of conversations were had, and we truly enjoyed this beautiful location. Please join us for our next Coffee with a Cop event and save the date for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be delivered as we get closer to the event.



### Morro Bay Recreation Kids Camp joined MBPD

Morro Bay Recreation Kids Camp had a wonderful tour of the police department on June 19<sup>th</sup>. School Resource Officer Billy Bower hosted the kids camp with a tour, presentation, and goody bags for about 50 kids. We love giving tours of the police department and appreciate the opportunity to connect with our Morro Bay youth. See you all next summer!



### **Upcoming Events**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bicycle Parade, 10:30 am at Pedestrian Bridge
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Day at Tideland Park, 11:00 am
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – National Night Out, August 6<sup>th</sup> at Cloisters Park, 4pm to 7pm.

## **Fire**

### **Response Statistics**

The Morro Bay Fire Department totaled 1,082 responses from January 1 through June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

- Series 100 (Fires) 19 incidents
- Series 200 (Overpressure, rupture, explosion, no fire) 0 incidents
- Series 300 (Rescue & EMS incident) 745 incidents
- Series 400 (Hazardous condition no fire) 50 incidents
- Series 500 (Service call) 103 incidents
- Series 600 (Good intent call) 104 incidents
- Series 700 (False alarm & false call) 56 incidents
- Series 800 (Severe weather & natural disaster) 5 incidents
- Series 900 (Special incident type) 0 incidents
- Total 1,082 incidents

### **Fireworks in Morro Bay**

Everyone looks forward to having fun over the Fourth of July, and Fireworks can be 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, parks, or 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 it. Pursuant to 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 celebration 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 and have a safe fun-filled July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.



## Harbor

### Harbor Patrol Highlights:

The Harbor Department received a grant for an Oil Spill Response Equipment trailer from California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The trailer came fully stocked and an 8-hour training was conducted with Global Diving and Salvage, Fish and Wildlife, Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol and Fire personnel. The training included booming techniques, health and safety concerns regarding oil spills and equipment familiarization. The trailer is stored in the Harbor Boathouse, ready for quick deployment. To report an oil or chemical spill, you can contact the **National Response Center (NRC)** at **800-424-8802**. The NRC is part of the federally established National Response System and is staffed 24 hours a day by the Coast Guard. When reporting, provide as much information about the incident as possible. The NRC is the designated federal point of contact for reporting all oil discharges into the environment. They activate the National Contingency Plan and coordinate the federal government's response capabilities. Remember, immediate reporting is crucial to effective spill management.



The Harbor Department partnered with the members of the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization to haul out and salvage the historic and beloved TRUDY S. The vessel was owned by Dick Sylvester and fished for over 60 years out of Morro Bay. The boat will now be restored at the Harbor Department Boathouse and then put on display in the future at the Morro Bay Maritime Museum. We were grateful for the skilled assistance provided by Associated Pacific Constructors and Myers Drilling to safely relocate this vessel.



**Harbor Lease Activity:**

Congratulations to Eric Newton and his team for receiving approval with conditions with the Coastal Commission on June 13 to move forward with redevelopment of the Libertine building at 801 Embarcadero. Mr. Newton proposes to demolish the existing 4,677-square-foot two story building and construct a new, two-story 5,206-square-foot building comprised of a ground-floor

restaurant/brewery and coffee shop, as well as a seven-unit standard operating hotel on the second floor. In addition, the project proposes a series of public access improvements including a new fifteen-foot-wide lateral segment of the Harborwalk public access walkway along the building's frontage with Morro Bay, a second-floor public viewing deck, new floating dock with two side-tie public boat slips, and creation of a public plaza. Pictures are of proposed redevelopment.



## Public Works

### Maintenance

## New Trash/Recycle/Planter Container Located at Anchor Park

Check out the prototype for replacing various garbage and recycling containers in the waterfront and downtown areas.

What do you think about the new design? Like it? Don't like it? Let us know your thoughts.

Send your comments to Carlos Mendoza at [cmendoza@morrobayca.gov](mailto:cmendoza@morrobayca.gov)

#### Key Features:

- Locally Handcrafted: Manufactured and purchased in San Luis Obispo County.
- Morro Bay in Bloom has committed to maintaining the planter.
- Replacement parts can be obtained locally. The planter tray is removable.
- Takes up the same footprint as current trash and recycle containers.
- More recycling capacity than the current recycle can.
- Powder-coated metal frame, stainless steel fasteners, weather and termite-resistant exterior.
- Prototype has two options for the exterior. Apitong wood (front and sides) and Trex (back). Apitong has a rich red wood color but requires regular maintenance to keep the look (sand and apply finish).

New design

Current design



Carlos Mendoza, Maintenance Division Manager in the Public Works Department, recently placed in Anchor Park a long-awaited prototype of what could be the City's new trash and recycling containers. The existing trash and recycling containers are old and time worn, and the City intends to replace them with already allocated funds. The prototype includes two different types of material for comparison: on the front is apitong, a moisture friendly wood species. On the back is a weather-resistant composite material. On the top sits a planter that includes succulents planted by Morro Bay In Bloom. The intention of the prototype is for the City to receive feedback and comment from residents on the design and the two materials used for the containers. **Please reach out to Carlos and let him know what you think!**

During the budget review, the subject of sidewalk safety was discussed as the City budgets \$250,000 annually for sidewalk repairs including displacements caused by matured tree roots. Here are a few points on how the city reduces sidewalk displacement and trip and fall liabilities:

- The City tracks large sidewalk displacements from the general public and maintains a list of areas that need work and perform periodical work to remedy them. If you see an area needing attention, please call the Public Works Department at 805-772-6261.
- The City performs sidewalk work- great examples include the northbound side of Shasta near Morro Bay Boulevard and another is along Atascadero Road. City also partners with local contractors to repair sidewalks in the downtown and the embarcadero areas.

## Engineering

The Engineering Division recently put out to bid two capital projects. First, the City is soliciting bids to repair the sewer force that leaked under State Route 1 in April 2022. This project presents some complexities since the repair will occur without traffic interruption to traffic on the highway. The City hopes to receive responses from responsive and responsible bidders so the work can get done this summer/fall.

Second, the staff released a bid for a critical storm drain repair on public and private property off of Sequoia Street. This repair is considered an emergency repair due to the undermining of Sequoia Street, which is caused by the deterioration of over 200' of pipe.

## Utilities

Though the recent release of raw sewage into the bay earlier in the week was not part of the City's wastewater system, City staff were on standby to assist the contractor on site. City staff provided materials that were needed in a pinch to expedite the repair of the sewer force main that runs from a private lift station to a City manhole.

## Administration (HR and City Clerk)



### November 2024 General Election

The Clerk's Office is busy preparing for the November General Election! On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the voters in Morro Bay will elect a Mayor for a 2-year term and (2) Council Members for 4-year terms. The nomination period for these offices begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 15, and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August

9. If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the City are not filed by August 9, the voters shall have until August 14 to nominate candidates, other than the person(s) who are incumbents, for that office. Please visit the [City website](#) for more information and contact the City Clerk's office at [cityclerk@morrobayca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@morrobayca.gov) or (805) 772-6205 to make an appointment to pull nomination papers.

The November election also provides Morro Bay registered voters an opportunity to vote on [Measure A-24](#), a citizens initiative that, if passed, would amend Morro Bay's General Plan (Plan Morro Bay) to prohibit, unless approved by Morro Bay voters, any change to Land Use Designations of Visitor-Serving Commercial or Commercial/Recreational Fishing, on certain designated parcels within the City.



### **FULL TIME OPENINGS**

- Account Clerk III
- Accounting Manager
- IT Systems Analyst
- Police Sergeant

### **PART TIME TEMPORARY OPENINGS**

- Custodial/Maintenance Aide
- Pool Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- 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)**

## **Administrative Services (Finance and IT)**

The Finance Department is pleased to announce the adoption of the FY 24/25 Budget.

Direct link to online digital budget book: <https://www.morrobayca.gov/1073/15113/FY-2024-25-Budget>

Link to City's budget webpage, which will include the link to the PDF printable version of the budget and the Budget in Brief: <https://www.morrobayca.gov/827/Budget>

Link to the City's Transparency Center with line item budget detail going back to 2019:  
<https://cleargov.com/california/san-luis-obispo/city/morro-bay>

A budget in Brief is available here:



## City of Morro Bay's Budget in Brief

Fiscal Year 2024-25

# \$60.6 million

Total Citywide Budget



**\$19.1 million**  
GF Operating

**OPERATING**  
\$41.6M

**CAPITAL**  
\$19M

- Police (26.21%)
- Public Works (18.71%)
- Fire (17.81%)
- Recreation Services (8.90%)
- Community Development (8.88%)
- City Manager's Office (8%)
- Administrative Services (7.28%)
- City Attorney (2.86%)
- City Council (1.36%)

**General Fund (GF)  
Department Budgets (%)**

## City Reserves \$16.5 Million

Meets all City Council Reserve Policies



### ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGETS



**SEWER**  
\$7.4 million



**HARBOR**  
\$2.6 million



**WATER**  
\$6.5 million



**TRANSIT**  
\$0.4 million

**\$19M** for 12 capital projects

**Water & Sewer Infrastructure (\$16.5M)**  
Wellfield Rehabilitation  
Tank & Pressure Zone Improvements  
Sewer Main Replacement

**Street, Bridge, & Storm Drains (\$2.2M)**  
Pavement Management  
Storm Drain Replacements  
Bridge Inspection & Assessment

**Public Facilities & Transit (\$0.3M)**  
New Morro Bay Transit Bus  
Veterans Hall Upgrades

### Local Revenue Measure (E/Q)

\$3.7 million to:

- Maintain Public Safety Services
- Keep Public Spaces Clean & Safe
- Invest in Critical City Infrastructure



For more info, visit us at [tinyurl.com/FY-25Budget](https://tinyurl.com/FY-25Budget) or scan the QR code

All budget figures are exclusive of non-departmental costs and transfers. Budgets for small government funds are included in the detailed budget online.

MORRO BAY'S  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July 2024**  
**Family Fun Day**  
AT TIDELANDS PARK  
Brought to you by Morro Bay Recreation Services

**Celebrate the 4th of July with . . .**

**Live Music**  
**Family Fun Games and Contests!**

**Kids' Carnival and Bounce House**  
\$5 Carnival Wristbands

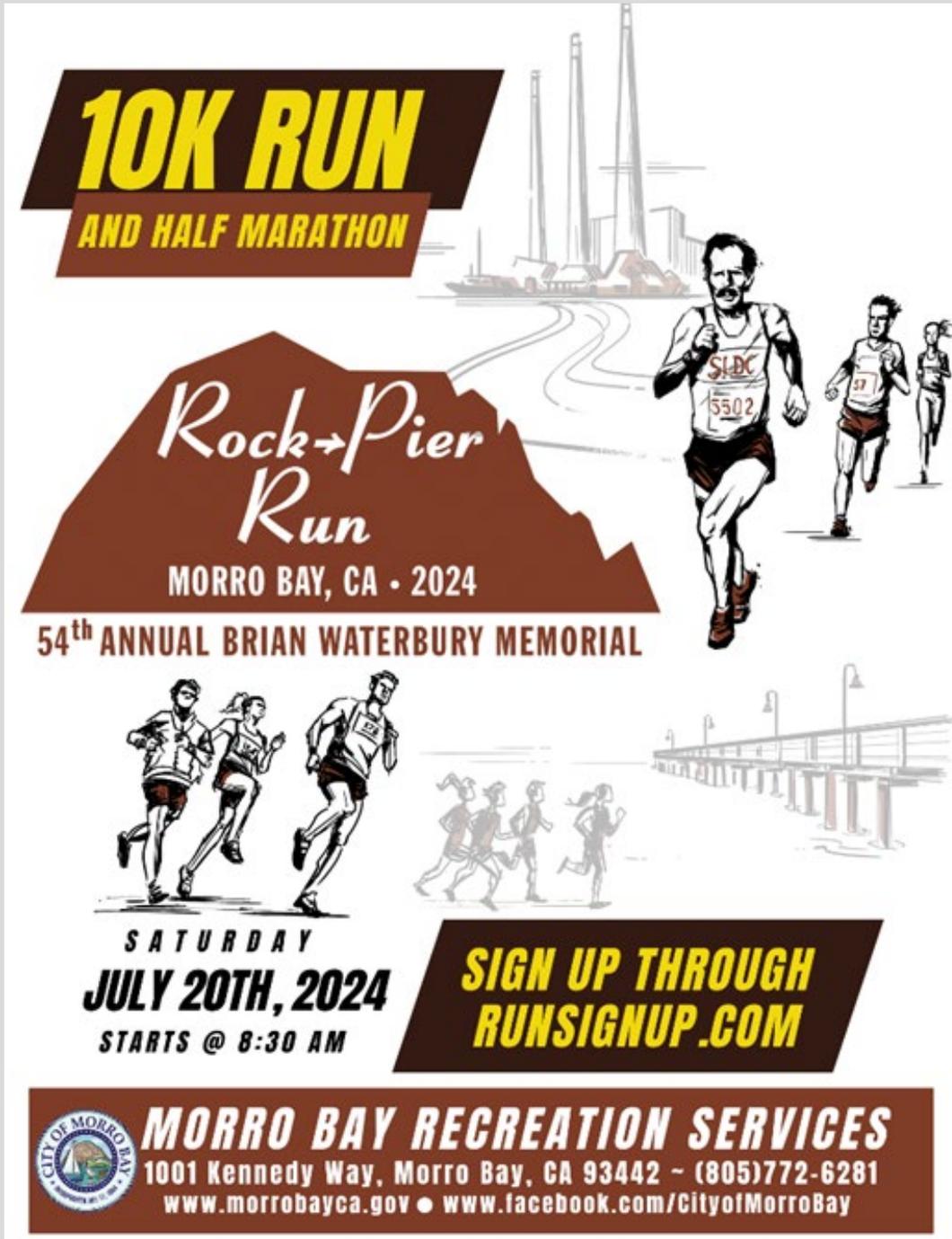
**Food & Drink Vendors**  
Beer Garden Presented By 3 Stacks & A Rock

**Activities at Tidelands Park**  
10:30 AM - Bike Parade  
11 AM - Live Music by Elyse Black  
12 PM - Opening Flag Ceremony  
**2 PM - Live Music by Riff Tide**  
(Band will Play until 5PM)

**Don't Forget:**  
Our 3rd Annual "Red", White & Blue Bike Parade  
Start Time: 10:30AM  
Northside of Morro Creek Bridge

Sports

Our annual **Rock to Pier Run** is on the horizon. This year's event will take place on July 20. The run will feature a Rock to Pier (10K equivalent) and a half marathon. As always, the Bay Osos Kiwanis will be grilling up their famous R2P breakfast. The performers this year will be the local band, Silk Ocean. We already have over 700 runners signed up ready to rock around the pier!



**10K RUN  
AND HALF MARATHON**

*Rock to Pier  
Run*  
MORRO BAY, CA • 2024

**54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BRIAN WATERBURY MEMORIAL**

**SATURDAY  
JULY 20TH, 2024  
STARTS @ 8:30 AM**

**SIGN UP THROUGH  
RUNSIGNUP.COM**

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# SUMMER FLAG FOOTBALL



We kicked off flag football here in Estero Bay on June 7. This year our league grew to 24 teams this year! Players, fans, and officials enjoyed the atmosphere in Morro Bay at Lila Keiser and old Morro Elementary fields. The season will culminate with a championship game at Morro Bay High School.

The Morro Bay Aquatic Center Splashed into Summer programming!

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 from 11:30am – 12:30pm and Tuesday and Thursday 7:00am – 8:00am.
- Master’s swim is Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30am – 7:30am
- Private Lessons Tuesday through Friday for (4) two-week sessions, 11:30am – 12 noon and 12 noon – 1:30pm and Sundays 10:00am – 2:30pm
- Group lessons Tuesday through Fridays for (4) two-week sessions
- Swim Camp Tuesday through Fridays for (4) two-week sessions



This Summer we have continued our partnership with San Luis School district to provide Summer Experience Swim class. This class is one of many great classes the school district is offering to enrich the lives of our local school age kids. This swim class has (2) three-week sessions with 50 – 60, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is an important life skill that participants walk away with. In this class we teach students how to swim all the way up to all 4 competitive strokes. We touch on water polo and end with basic water rescue skills and introduction to First Aid and CPR. We are excited to be able to provide a positive safe environment to learn and improve aquatic skills, get exercise, and learn lifelong water safety skills.

<b>JUNE Aquatic’s Participation</b>	
Lap Swim	968
Aqua Aerobics	143
Master’s Swim Class	28
Private and Semiprivate Lessons	179
Group Lessons	336
Youth Swim Camp	32
JG Bootcamp	49

## Community Development

Meet the new Community Development Director Airlin Singewald.



We are pleased to announce the selection of Airlin Singewald as its next Community Development Director, effective June 24, 2024.

Airlin Singewald brings 20 years of land use and environmental planning experience to Morro Bay. Airlin currently serves as the Planning Division Manager / Environmental Coordinator for the San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department, where he has worked since 2007 and has held various key leadership positions since 2017. In SLO County, Airlin leads a team of 20 planners who serve the County's multiple unincorporated communities and 2 million acres of agricultural, rural, and open space lands. During his tenure with SLO County, Airlin has celebrated many noteworthy accomplishments. Most recently, he led the processing of the Dana Reserve Specific Plan in Nipomo, the largest housing project to be

approved in the unincorporated county. Airlin also oversaw the adoption of the County's 2020-2028 Housing Element, Los Osos Community Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan, and the Adelaida and Los Osos Vacation Rental Ordinances. Airlin also has extensive coastal land use experience. From 2007 to 2019, he served as the staff liaison to the North Coast Advisory Council, a community group that advises the Board of Supervisors on land use matters affecting Cambria, San Simeon, and the rural North Coast. He worked closely with the community and stakeholders to help shape development in a way that protects sensitive coastal resources. Airlin has developed a passion for engaging with and educating the community about the planning process.

A native to the Central Coast, Airlin has lived in San Luis Obispo County for 24 years. He moved here from his hometown of Santa Cruz to attend Cal Poly, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in City and Regional Planning. Reflecting on his new position, he said he's always felt a strong connection and draw to Morro Bay.

For the full press release, please click here. [Press-Release-Airlin-Singewald Community-Development-Director\\_05312024 \(morrobayca.gov\)](#) Airlin can be reached at [asingewald@morrobayca.gov](mailto:asingewald@morrobayca.gov).

## Planning Division Activity

### Vistra Battery Energy Storage System - Update

The comment letters on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Vistra BESS project are now posted on the City's website: [Vistra Battery Energy Storage System | City of Morro Bay - Official Website \(morrobayca.gov\)](https://www.morrobayca.gov/vistra-battery-energy-storage-system)

### Planning Commission

On July 2, 2024 Planning Commission meeting is cancelled.

## Permit Reports

### Planning Permits

Coastal Development Permits	4
Use Permits	1
Sidewalk Vending License	1
Zoning Clearance	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

**Fees Collected** \$2,755

### Code Enforcement Activity

New Cases	7
Cases Resolved	5
Pending Cases	49

### Building Division Activity

Permits Issued	40
Valuation	\$ 2,339,160
Fees Collected	\$252,093
Number of Inspections	174
New Applications in Review	18