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January 16, 2025

A very Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you've had a chance to celebrate, relax and reflect as I have. While I reminisce over 2024, here are some memorable moments that came to my mind -

- Adoption of a camping ordinance. Noticeable improvements were made along Quintana and other camp sites.
- Closed out two major WRF's sewer portion contracts, proceeding with the recycled water portion of the project.
- Completed zoning code update and received certification by the California Coastal Commission.
- A variety of park improvement projects: Tennis court rehab, Pickleball court resurfacing, Franklin Riley Park improvement.
- Adopted a Local Roadway Safety Study.
- Completed a few grant-initiated public works projects including EV charging stations.
- Celebrated the city's 60th anniversary.
- Hosted the 2023 and the 2024 Ironman Triathlon events.
- Collaboration with private partners to become one of the most "fiber connected" cities on the Central Coast through improved broadband fiber-optic infrastructure.
- Designed and completed projects that improve storm systems and acquired FEMA funds for storm recovery projects.
- Negotiated and entered into 3-year contracts with all bargaining groups. Addressed the results of the 2022 Compensation Study.
- Recruitment of three director positions and four manager level positions. All recruitments were done through in-house resources.
- New council orientation and onboarding

In the following pages, you will find remarkable updates from each department. Further, January is also the time to make plans for 2025. This year the City Council and the community will embark on the 2025-2027 strategic goal setting process. This process starts with a community-based survey. Please click [here](#) to fill out the survey. Please ask your neighbors and community members to take the survey as well. The survey closes on February 15th. The next steps will be feedback from our Advisory Bodies, a community form, goal setting meeting, and budget study session.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Kimball

City Manager – ykimball@morrobayca.gov; cell: 805-440-4450

Police

POLICE OPERATIONS

December Statistics

With the holidays, we saw an increase of visitors and holiday residents staying in Morro Bay for the amazing coastal weather, December was a busy month for the police department. A total of 822 Calls for Service were received during December. The busiest day of the week for December was Monday with a total of 133 calls for service. Patrolling the city streets, you could see and feel the holiday population swell.

The department increased patrols for DUI drivers during the holidays. Officers arrested four DUI drivers during the month of December and conducted 91 traffic stops.

Priority 7 = CODE 1 Routine (Crime Reports, patrol checks)

Priority 8 = CODE 2 Urgent (Alarms, Trespass, Disturbance)

Priority 9 = CODE 3 Emergency (Subject down, traffic collision, assault)

Priority 12 = CODE 3 Life Threatening (In progress violent crime)

Priority 14 = Phone Report Priority 15/44 = Administrative details

Day of Week	Priority								Total
	7	8	9	10	12	14	15	44	
Sunday	39	72	1	5	0	2	0	0	119
Monday	60	53	3	3	1	12	0	1	133
Tuesday	48	65	2	5	0	7	0	2	129
Wednesday	43	58	1	5	0	8	0	2	117
Thursday	26	61	2	2	0	5	0	2	98
Friday	42	50	0	8	0	5	0	3	108
Saturday	49	55	3	6	0	2	1	2	118
Total	307	414	12	34	1	41	1	12	822

Sergeant Taylor Graduates Sherman Block Leadership Institute (SLI)

On December 11th, Sergeant Nicole Taylor completed her 8-month leadership training put on by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Sergeant Taylor traveled to Folsom each month for a week over the past 8 months to join other sergeants from departments around California to embark on this leadership journey. The Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBSLI) is a program designed to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision-making in California law enforcement front-line supervisors. Designed and implemented in 1988 through the efforts of California law enforcement professionals and top educators and trainers, the SBSLI is an intense program based on experiential learning techniques. Students are challenged to learn new ways to resolve issues through group and individual work.

To qualify for the program, students must be a sergeant for at least two years and demonstrate a commitment to personal and professional growth while committing to remain in law enforcement for several years after completion.

This is a highly intensive leadership course, and we are very proud of the work and commitment Sergeant Taylor gave to the program, herself, and the department by completing this training course.

Congratulations Nicole!



Police Officer Trainee Miguel Salgado

Martinez Graduates the Police Academy

On December 4th, Police Officer Trainee Miguel Salgado Martinez graduated from the Allan Hancock Law Enforcement Training Academy in Lompoc. The training academy is a 22-week intensive training academy. The standards and values of the Law Enforcement Academy are high and very demanding. During graduation Miguel was honored with a scholarship from California Central Coast Cops and Kids and won the Scenario Award for his outstanding performance during practical scenario testing. We look forward to Miguel continuing his training at the department over the next several months. Congratulations Miguel!



2024 Achievements

- Passing of Morro Bay Camping Ordinance for increased equitable use of public areas for all residents and visitors in Morro Bay. Maintained and increased services, including showers, for unhoused while mitigating unsafe encampments throughout the city. Close communication and work with city Public Works Department and CalTrans to increase efficiencies during cleanups to protect critical infrastructure.
- Worked with 97.3 Rock Radio to allow their station antenna to be installed on the police department tower due to station's antenna tower storm damage. This helped restore service to listeners in Paso Robles, Templeton, Atascadero, Morro Bay, Los Osos, and Cayucos with public safety programming, emergency preparedness education, and emergency alert announcements.
- Analysis by Police Support Services Manager Bonnie Johnson revealed the Phoenix Group contract to collect fees associated with municipal citations issued by city staff/DUI cost recovery outweighed the revenue the city could collect by performing the same service in-house. Projection for this fiscal year is \$15k in revenue that was otherwise paid in service fees to Phoenix Group.
- PD attended all community and special events including the Ironman and 60th Anniversary Parade. PD worked with over 300 city and partnering agency staff to successfully manage events without incident.

New Law in Effect for Drivers in 2025

California's new "daylighting" law, Assembly Bill 413, went into effect on January 1, 2025:

- Parking distance: Drivers cannot park within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk
- Curb extensions: The no-parking zone is reduced to 15 feet if there is a curb extension
- Enforcement: Law enforcement agencies will ticket drivers who violate the law

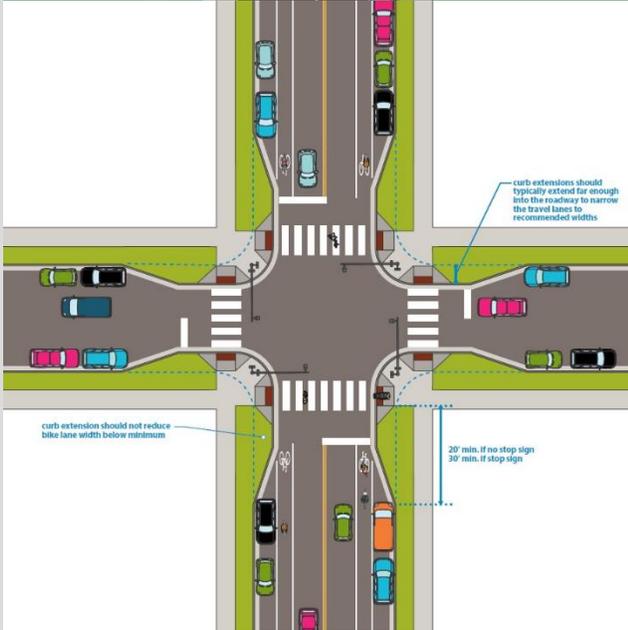
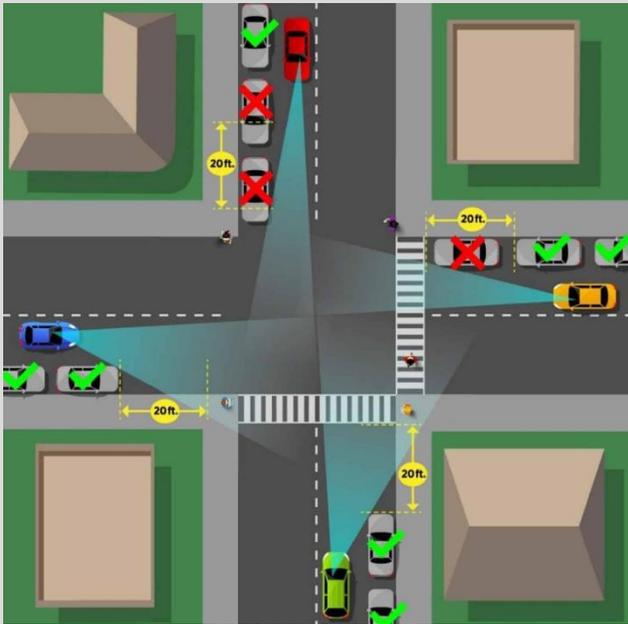
The law's purpose is to improve safety by:

- Increasing visibility at intersections
- Reducing pedestrian fatalities
- Making it easier for drivers to see pedestrians and other vehicles
- Helping drivers see children, who are less predictable and harder to see

The law applies to all intersections statewide, regardless of whether there is a red curb or no parking signage.

Cities across California are taking action to implement the law. The City of Morro Bay will be working to remove spaces that violate the law and paint red curbs and apply signage. Keep in mind, the violation still occurs as the law is now in effect regardless of whether there is a red curb or signage. It is the driver's responsibility to be aware of and adhere to new and changing laws related to the vehicle code.

Below is an intersection with both marked and unmarked crosswalks, illustrating how the new parking regulations improve visibility and pedestrian safety by pushing vehicles back away from crosswalks by about one car length. The second image shows a "curb extension".



Fire

Response Statistics

The Morro Bay Fire Department totaled 2282 responses from January 1 through December 31, 2024.

These responses include,

- Series 100 (Fires) 72 incidents
- Series 200 (Overpressure, rupture, explosion, no fire) 2 incidents
- Series 300 (Rescue & EMS incident) 1,549 incidents
- Series 400 (Hazardous condition no fire) 78 incidents
- Series 500 (Service call) 217 incidents
- Series 600 (Good intent call) 215 incidents
- Series 700 (False alarm & false call) 141 incidents
- Series 800 (Severe weather & natural disaster) 6 incidents
- Series 900 (Special incident type) 2 incidents
- Total 2282 incidents

Fire Chief Update

As we begin 2025, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Morro Bay Fire Department for their dedication, hard work and commitment to the safety of the community over the last year. Department members supported communities all over California and Oregon responding to mutual-aid requests for more than 21 incidents totaling 7,655 hours of personnel time. The department participated in more than 35 specialized training courses and completed more than 1,943 hours of on shift training. We also had two Firefighters, Cliff Elgin and Tanner Russel, complete their probationary training and task books. Firefighter Casey Robertshaw completed the classroom portion, in-hospital clinical rotations, and began his field internship component of Paramedic School.

Mutual Aid

Morro Bay is currently supporting the firefighting efforts in the Los Angeles area as part of an engine strike team on the Palisades Fire and we have one Firefighter assigned to the Eaton Fire as a Fireline Paramedic. Over the summer, our Seasonal Firefighter program was instrumental in allowing us to support this demand for assistance statewide while maintaining adequate coverage here at home. We had four Seasonal Firefighters that worked from May through December, boosting our staffing and allowing for recent fire academy graduates to gain valuable real-world experience in the fire service. In addition to allowing for increased fire response capacity, the Seasonal Firefighters partnered with the Morro Bay Water Department to service, clean and paint all of the fire hydrants in town maintaining this critical piece of city infrastructure.



Firefighter Cliff Elgin



Firefighter Tanner Russell

Happy Holidays



FROM THE MORRO BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE 2025!

Harbor

Harbor Vitality Director Update

Having just started at the beginning of December, I am one of the newest employees for the City of Morro Bay. Over the last month, I have been amazed at how welcoming and helpful staff and the community have been. I look forward to contributing to the team and the City of Morro Bay.

Department Updates

- Assessed moorings and implemented pilot project to reduce boat collisions. Four boats from the Yacht Club mooring area had the length of their moorings reduced. Over the next 12 months, these boats will be monitored to see if the shortened moorings decrease the likelihood that they will drift into other boats. If successful, the Harbor Department will consider expanding the shorter mooring lengths of other boats.
- Continued negotiations for Embarcadero leases such as the Libertine and Associated Pacific properties.
- Collaborated with the Police Department to initiate paid parking in select areas of the waterfront.
- Harbor Patrol has streamlined their process for logging dockage and have switched to a digital format
- Integrated new lease management software which will be more efficient and help consolidate lease information.
- Initiated inspection program to identify maintenance issues needing attention for tidelands areas
- Attended offshore wind webinars and meetings
- Prepared for annual Washington DC trip where City staff will seek continued federal funding of maintenance dredging and other large projects such as the North T-Pier rehabilitation and revetment repairs.



Harbor Patrol December Statistics and Highlights:

Emergency Responses	Calls for Service	Assist to Other Agencies	Enforcement Contacts	Training	Maintenance Actions	Harbor Entrance Advisories
13	134	52	18	36	213	9

Navigational Hazard: A shallow shoaling area has been identified in the Harbor between the Channel Markers 8 and 10 opposite of the North T Pier. An orange buoy has been placed to mark the vicinity of the area while we await further analysis. Harbor Patrol requests all mariners to take caution to avoid any grounding issues.

Lighted Boat Parade: The Harbor Patrol provided the water safety for the parade. With more than 30 boats participating, it was a success of weather and seasonal celebrations.



Winter Weather Event: December 23, 2024 was reported by Meteorologist John Lindsey as the most powerful ever recorded wave event. The period and wavelength for the swell were the longest observed and that combination resulted in unprecedented wave energy. Harbor Patrol performed multiple preventative actions to ensure public safety on the beaches, jetties, surf zone and entrance of the harbor. The Coast Guard declared a Captain of the Port Order to restrict all vessel traffic in or out of Morro Bay that day.

New Year's Day: Harbor Patrol Rescue Watercraft and Beach Lifeguards provided water safety at the 45th Annual Carlin Soule Memorial Polar Bear Dip with Cal Fire and Cayucos Lifeguards for more than 2000 participants in Cayucos. In Morro Bay, the Harbor Patrol commemorated the day by spraying water for those who plunged and honored the life of longtime business owner of Toobs, Jerome "Buzz" Morasca.

2024 Harbor Achievements

- North T-Pier Condition Assessment
- Draft Report: Inspection and Assessment of Revetments and Seawalls
- Developed and initiated Skiff Permit program
- Assessed moorings and implemented pilot project to reduce boat collisions
- Installed two grant funded EV charging stations
- Repaired docks that were in disrepair or damaged by storms
- UTV funded by Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department put into service
- Received grant funded Oil Spill Response Trailer and training



Public Works

2024 Achievements

- Received an over one million dollar hazard mitigation grant to evaluate flooding issues at Morro Creek.
- Implemented largest street paving project in City history.
- Fixed an old sewer leak under Highway 1.
- Increased Police Department staff safety by installing flashing crosswalk on Morro Bay Boulevard
- Completed Sequoia Court Emergency Storm Drain Repair and Ironwood Storm Drain Replacement.
- Completed Water Tank Rehabilitation project involving six of the City's drinking water tanks.
- Completed a variety of park improvement projects, including tennis court rehab, pickleball court resurfacing, and Franklin Park improvements.
- Worked with Astound to bring fiber internet to most of Morro Bay.
- Closed out WRF's two major contracts totaling over \$120 million.

Engineering:

Pavement Rehabilitation: Crack sealing and base digouts/rehabilitation are ongoing and expected to be completed in February. The final phase of the Pavement Rehabilitation is the slurry and cape seal. That work is temperature dependent and is likely to be delayed until early April.

LS1 Force Main Replacement: This work was completed in December.

Sequoia Court Storm Drain Replacement/Repair: This work was completed in November.

Astound Fiber Optic Installations: Underground work is complete. Sidewalk and road restoration is ongoing and expected to be complete by the end of January.

Quintana Road at Kennedy and Main Street near Bike Park Storm Drain repairs: Repair work is expected to start late January and be completed by late February.

Unmet Transportation Needs 2025-2026

Help us improve transit, walking, and biking in SLO County.

Every year, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) conducts an Unmet Transit Needs study. The purpose of the study is to ensure that any unmet transit needs that are found reasonable to meet are met before Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

Please submit your new, improved, and/or expanded transportation services requests either by filling out SLOCOG's survey or attending the public hearing for requests during the SLOCOG Board's February 5, 2025 meeting at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1055 Monterey Street, SLO. The meeting starts at 9 am.

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnmetNeeds>

The last day to submit unmet transportation need requests is Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Thank you in advance for participating in the survey or attending the public hearing. Your feedback is important. For questions, contact Lance Okuno at lokuno@slocog.org.



Maintenance:

**Public Works Department
Consolidated Maintenance Monthly Report
12/1/2024 to 12/31/2024**



Monthly Service Requests Completed

CM	# of SR
Curb Painting Request	1
Curb Repair	1
Graffiti	3
Maintenance Request	12
Pothole/Sinkhole	2
Safety Issue	2
Sidewalk Issue	5
Storm Drain Issue	1
Street Cleaning/Sweeping	1
Tree Fallen Across Road	2
Tree Fallen Across Sidewalk	2
Tree Pruning/Trimming	1
Tree Removal Request	5
Tree Replacement	1
Total Service Requests Completed	39

**Public Works Department
Consolidated Maintenance Monthly Report
12/1/2024 to 12/31/2024**



Monthly Work Orders Completed

CM	# of Work Orders
Facilities	
ADA Work	1
Appliance Repair	1
Contractor Management	1
Core Duties	47
Custodial	1
Electrical	2
Facilities Other	5
Flooring	1
General Repair	2
HVAC	23
Painting	1
Plumbing	5
Roof & Gutter	2
Set-up / Break Down Meeting	1
Fleet	
Brake System	2
Electrical System	3
Engine Other	1
Engine Service	1
Install Equipment	5
Mower repair	4
Oil Change Lube	7
Shop Inspection	3
Smog Inspection	1
Transmission & Drivetrain	1
Vehicle Inspection	4
Furniture	
Install	1
Landscape Areas	
Other	1
Parking Lots	
ADA Work	2
General Maintenance	2
Other	2
Parks	
ADA Work	1
Graffiti Removal	1
Haul Debris	2
Irrigation Repair	1
Maintenance	5
Mowing	9
Other	1
Playground Maintenance	1
Plumbing	1
Tree Hazard Reduction	4
Restrooms and Trash	
Core Duties	2
Electrical	1
Maintenance	2
Repair	1
Sidewalks-Paths	
Clean/Clear Debris	2
Clear Debris	1
Other	2
Repair	2
Street Trees	
Evaluation	6
Hazard Reduction	2
Other	1
Removal	4
Tree Trimming	8
Streets	
CMA Patch	4
Other	5
Remove	1
Repair Sign	1
Replace Sign	1
Right of Way Obstruction	1
Striping/Painting	1
Utilities HMA Patch	1
Total Work Orders Completed	208

New Carpet Installed at Community Center's Senior Side



Before and After



Before and After



Building plaque installed outside Community Center



New reception window installed at Community Center's Senior Side



In Preparation for the rainy season, rain gutters at various City facilities were cleaned



Tree uprooted at 500 block of Mimosa St



Removed and replaced broken gates at Rock parking lot



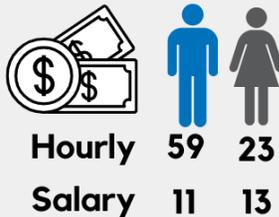
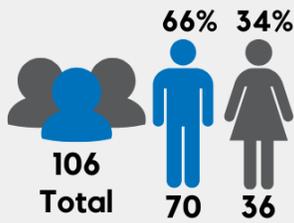
Removed and replaced 287' of damaged fence at the City's Corp Yard





Human Resources 2024 Snapshot

Full-Time Employees



Represented
Employees with
MOU Labor
Contracts = 78



Negotiated 3-Year Contracts and Resolutions with Employee Groups and Implemented the Results of the 2023 Compensation Study.

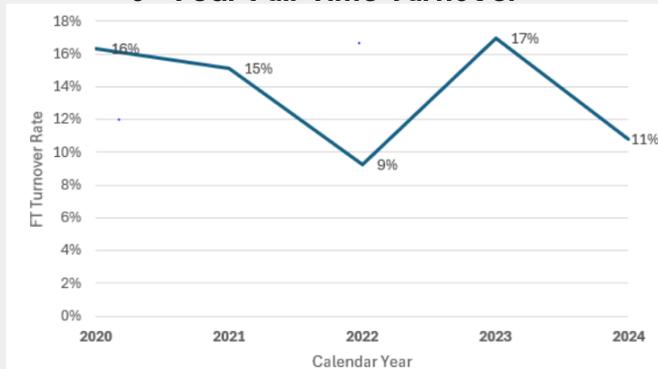


20 Full-time New Hires

639 Applications Reviewed for Full-time Jobs



5- Year Full-Time Turnover



Turnover rate decreased!

Employee Departure Reasons



5
Local Govt. Jobs



2
Local Private Sector Jobs



2
Resignation Without Employment



1
Retirement

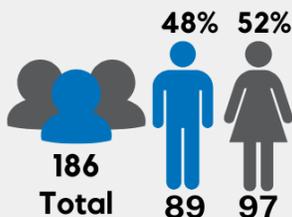


1
Termination



1
Moved to Part-time Due to Childcare

Part-Time Temporary Employees



741 Applications Reviewed for Part-time Temporary Positions



HIRING NOW



FULL TIME OPENINGS

- Administrative Technician - Recreation
- Police Officer - Lateral or POST Academy Graduate Only

PART TIME TEMPORARY OPENINGS

- Pool Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Sports Official

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



2024 Clerk Achievements

- Transitioned City Council agendas to eScribe, an ADA-compliant HTML platform capable of live web streaming with closed captioning.
- Implemented electronic and paperless filing of campaign disclosure statements and statements of economic interest
- Soft launch a web based Public Records Act request platform, streamlining and improving efficiency for review and release of requested records.
- Conducted 2024 election and supported candidate orientation and elected official onboarding efforts.
- Continued implementation of electronic signatures for contracts and correspondence for improved efficiency and record keeping

Administrative Services (Finance and IT)

While the City offices were closed to the public from Christmas Eve through New Years Day, work continued within the walls of the Administrative Services Department: payroll was completed so staff could receive paychecks on time during the holiday season, utility bill auto-draft payments were processed and new bills issued, technical support was provided to City staff, automated business processes were built, financial statements were reviewed, bank accounts were reconciled, and on and on. I couldn't be prouder of the Administrative Services management team and staff alike for their dedication to the community of Morro Bay and the way these employees embody a Team mentality and support each other each day. I feel incredibly fortunate to work with such a hardworking, kind, and funny group of people.

In January, Finance Division staff will process and distribute W-2 forms to people employed at the City of Morro Bay during 2024 and 1099 forms to independent contractors who completed work for the City of Morro Bay in the same period. Staff continues to work with DTA on the development impact fee update and nexus study which is progressing well. A draft report is expected in April. Staff partnered with ClearSource to kick off the cost recovery and user fee study update. Best practice is to complete this study every three to five years. The last fee study was completed in 2019, so while this analysis is time consuming in that it depends on the collaborative effort of all City departments, it is prudent to complete it now. A draft report is expected by the end of the fiscal year.

The three-year contract with HdL for business license and transient occupancy tax administration is coming to an end in March. After much consideration, analysis, and listening to feedback from our valued business community, we have concluded that these services are best provided to our community by City staff, and so the contract with HdL has not been renewed. A team of 16 is working together to be ready to process business license renewals, new applications, and transient occupancy tax filings in-house by April 1, 2025. More information and updates will be released as we progress towards that date, and we look forward to a seamless transition. Any questions should be directed to Accounting Manager Megan Schotborgh at mschotborgh@morrobayca.gov.

Annual financial reporting is nearly complete with a draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) expected by the end of the week, Cities Financial Report, Land Commission Report, Single Audit, Transportation and Special Revenue Audits expected to be completed by the end of January. The city's financial auditor, Brown Armstrong, is tentatively scheduled to present the ACFR to the City Council on January 28th. Additionally, the season of Everything Budget has commenced! Fiscal year 2024-25 midyear review and analysis is underway. The report will be presented to the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC) on February 18th and to the City Council on February 25th. Staff will be kicking off fiscal year 2025-26 budget development in February as well and, as usual, in May will present a draft to CFAC, receive recommendations to City Council, and then hold budget workshops with City Council to review the draft and recommendations. Final budget adoption takes place in June.

2024 Achievements

- Launched cybersecurity awareness training KnowB4
- Replaced servers for the City and for PD and migrated data
- Provided technical support for over 400 electronic devices and 50 software systems
- Initiated development impact fee update and nexus study
- Initiated cost of service and user fee update study
- Modernized business processes from paper to electronic
- Produced an award-winning budget and an award-winning financial report
- Supported seven Citizens Finance Advisory Committee meetings
- Realized a 4.07% weighted average rate of return on investments
- Assessed best path forward for business license and transient occupancy tax administration services
- Processed approximately 3,000 payments to vendors through accounts payable
- Issued over 2,000 business licenses
- Wrote over 160 journal entries
- Completed 96 bank account reconciliations
- Completed over 300 audit schedules and document requests
- Made nearly 300 bank deposits
- Processed nearly 70 water leak review requests
- Processed over 300 utilities tag notices
- Processed over 400 utilities service turn off requests and over 400 utilities service turn on requests
- Enrolled over 100 customers in the water discount program

Recreation

Administration

Facility and property use is continuing to be busy with surf contests, holiday activities, and an upcoming bird festival.

December at a Glance	
# of Permits Created	27 permits
Facility Rental Hours	543 hours
Park Rental Hours	522 hours
Senior Center Activities	2,955 participations
Sports Participation Hours	2300 hours
Kids' Club Registrations (morning/afternoon)	1,523 registrations
# of Passes Purchased for Aquatic Programs	859 passes
# of Passes Purchased for Rec Classes/ Clubs	181 passes
Total Revenue	\$11,446.96

Community Classes

Start the new year off with one of our Community Classes!

Winter 2025

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
◦ Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM
- **Open Flow**
◦ Wednesday 6:30-8:00PM
- **Okinawan Karate**
◦ Tues. & Thurs. 6:00-7:30PM

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
www.morrobayca.gov • www.facebook.com/CityofMorroBay



WINTER

ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

with Instructor Kendra Bowling

For registration and more info scan here



THURSDAYS

@ the Morro Bay Community Center

Ages 4-6 3:15-4:15pm

Ages 7-11 4:15-5:15pm

\$115 a Session

Winter Session 6 weeks

(1/9-2/20) *no class 1/16

Sports

Now that basketball registration has concluded we are moving to our next seasons of softball! We look forward to the fun seasons of spring adult coed and girls' softball.



REGISTER NOW!
VISIT WWW.MORROBAYCA.GOV

2025 SEASON
OPENING DAY: 3/15
EOS TOURNAMENT: 5/10

REGISTRATION CLOSES 1/31/2025
REGISTRANTS WILL BE WAITLISTED AFTER 1/31

4-6 YEARS OLD \$110
7-14 YEARS OLD \$140

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!
EMAIL: JOROZCO@MORROBAYCA.GOV
OR CALL US AT 805.772.6281



**2025 SPRING
COED ADULT
SOFTBALL**

**MONDAY NIGHTS
@ LILA KEISER PARK**

FEBRUARY 17TH - APRIL 21ST

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY
BY VISITING: WWW.MORROBAYCA.GOV

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 19TH**

**\$600.00
PER TEAM**

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Youth Services

Our Youth Services staff hosted a "Kids' Night Out: Christmas PJ Party" on December 13th. 14 registered children attended. They enjoyed cookie decorating, crafts, BINGO, and winter games! We had breakfast for dinner and watched The Grinch while sipping hot cocoa!



Youth Services organized a Winter Holiday Hangout Camp over SLCUSD Winter Break. Each week was themed, and the campers had many different activities to participate in. They were “snowed-in,” made gingerbread houses and snowman crafts. Jazzlyn from the sports department came out both Mondays and put on mini sports camps for the campers. The campers brought in the New Year with 2025 party hats, a balloon drop and apple juice toast. To wrap up such a fun Holiday Hangout we blasted off with Space activities and astronaut training. We had an average of 35 kids attending daily.



Seniors

January is always an exciting month for the Seniors. After a two-week absence our seniors returned to the Center to find brand new carpet and a remodeled reception area. All the classes are seeing a rise in participation numbers to the level that we are now having to consider adding extra classes to accommodate the increase... a good problem to have!

January also features our annual 55+ Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, January 25 from 9 am - Noon. This popular event brings in 40+ exhibitors who gather in the Community Center and cover all areas of senior life. It is one of the best senior health fairs in the county.

2024 Achievements

- Increased Active Adult membership to over 1,000. Activities for the “young” senior to include Cuesta College Emeritus courses and wine tasting.
- Produced the following events: Senior Health Fair, Mermaid/Pirate Parade, 4th of July, Rock to Pier Run, 4 Thursdays of Tunes at Tidelands, the City’s 60th Anniversary of Incorporation events, Halloween, Holiday Tree Lighting, and Breakfast with Santa.
- Added new adult kickball activity.
- Reviewed and issued 366 permits for the community center, Veterans Memorial Building and other city properties.

Community Development

Permit Issued for Quonset Hut Hotel at 1141 Main Street

Expect to see construction work begin soon at 1141 Main Street. On January 9, 2025, the City issued the building permit for the Quonset Hotel project. Approved by the City Planning Commission in February 2024, the project is an interior remodel of the existing Quonset Hut on site into a new 10 room hotel. The facade on the building will be restored to the building's original facade to honor the building's history.



In 2024, Building Division Launched online instant permits for small-scale residential solar and energy storage systems helping to lower the cost for permit applications and homeowners and increasing the speed of installing residential solar energy systems. [Residential Solar Permits | City of Morro Bay - Official Website](#)

The Department continues to enhance efforts to ensure compliance with the short-term rental ordinance. For example, a signage template has been updated. Staff also improved the database and implemented an annual review program. This will continue into 2025.

In processing Vistra’s BESS application, the Department focused on listening to community concerns and presenting the City Council and community with a clear and realistic roadmap from a process standpoint. The Department also maintained updates to the city’s website.

The department launched a **Pre-designed ADU Program** and continues to update the program. [Pre-Designed ADU Program | City of Morro Bay - Official Website](#)

Waterfront Master Plan Update Underway

On January 13, 2025, the City inked our grant agreement with the California Coastal Commission for \$750,000 to update the Waterfront Master Plan. The WMP, which is part of the City’s Local Coastal Program (LCP), has not been updated since it was first adopted in 1996. At its core, the WMP is a vision for land use, circulation, and development of the City’s waterfront. The WMP is a policy-level document that includes a roadmap of future actions to achieve the WMP’s vision and goals. The WMP also includes a design guidelines chapter with development standards controlling the bulk, scale, and architectural design of new development on the Embarcadero.

On January 14, 2025, the City Council will decide on the formation of the Waterfront Master Plan Advisory Committee (WMPAC). The WMPAC will meet monthly to guide the development of the WMP Update.



Permit Statistics

The City’s building and planning permit statistics for the month of December 2024 are provided in the table below. In a typical seasonal lull, permit numbers were down in December.

BUILDING	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Permits Issued	45	35	51	54	51	37	27
Inspections	174	283	301	287	240	257	195
New Applications	18	15	15	13	15	9	8
Valuation	\$2,527,295	\$806,123	\$768,327	\$2,710,869	\$1,941,975	\$2,401,219	\$921,510
Fees Collected	\$264,202	\$40,637	\$35,690	\$205,464	\$158,853	\$251,488	\$86,532
PLANNING	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Coastal Development Permits	4	3	12	1	1	1	0
Use Permits	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sign Permits	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Temporary Use Permits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lot / Parcel Map	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Min/Maj Modification/Revision	0	2	1	1	0	1	1
Parking Exception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sidewalk Vending License	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zoning Clearance	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Comm Cannabis Renewal	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Admin Design Review	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	7	9	16	5	2	2	1
Fees Collected	\$2,755	\$29,890	\$30,217	\$ 6,684.50	\$ 3,795.50	\$ 3,707.50	\$1,457.00

For more information on current planning and building permit information, please visit our website: [Current Planning and Building Permit Applications | City of Morro Bay - Official Website](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT: Morro Elementary School Site – Public Information Session

Where: Community Center Multi-Purpose Room

When: Thursday, January 30th, 5:30 to 6:30 PM

What: The San Luis Coastal Unified School District has announced plans to sell the Morro Elementary School site. From a land use planning perspective, Morro Elementary is an important part of the City’s past, present, and future. The purpose of the public information session is for staff to discuss and answer questions about the City’s land use regulations and policies pertaining to Morro Elementary.