



# City of Morro Bay

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MORRO BAY-A hundred-foot section of 27 –inch steel pipe has been exposed on the beach in Morro Bay due to erosive flows at the mouth of Morro Creek. The underground pipe, which conveys treated effluent from the Morro Bay-Cayucos Wastewater Treatment Plant to an outlet in the ocean a half mile offshore, is normally buried by at least five feet of sand as it makes it way from the treatment plant to the ocean. But, on Monday, March 28, the pipe was observed to be exposed by streamflow coming from Morro Creek. The City has received emergency permits from the resource agencies and has hired a local construction firm, Associated Pacific, to divert flows away from the pipe so that the pipe can be covered with sand. The pipe is a safety hazard to beachgoers walking or riding on the beach as erosion has left deep pockets in the sand near the pipe. These pockets are not easily visible when covered by water. Although, the pipe was exposed there are no leaks at this time.

Heavy equipment will be operating along the beach in the area between Morro Rock and Atascadero Road on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. Beachgoers should use caution in that area and stay away from construction equipment.

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CITY OF MORRO BAY  
 WWTP OUTFALL SCOUR  
 MARCH 28, 2011

SCALE: 1" = 200'



OCT 2005



JUNE 1993



MAY 1979



LOOKING SOUTH FROM A POINT WEST OF THE ATASCADERO ROAD PARKING LOT



LOOKING NORTH FROM A POINT WEST OF THE ATASCADERO ROAD PARKING LOT