

If the lift station can be built at the existing site why can't the new plant be built there?

Growth:

If the City builds a New WRF/One Water Plant and can Produce 80% of our water needs and has annexed the New site into the city what will keep the city from growing to beyond the 12,200 arbitrary Number? What will keep us from growing to 50k People?

~~Please~~ ~~is~~ ~~regal~~

What specific ~~enforcement~~ enforcement in fractions is the Water Control Board ~~considering~~ considering?

CCC

What was the basis for the Coastal Commission Decision

Can the city modify/upgrade the existing plant to comply with the NPDES permit without triggering the need to obtain a coastal development permit?

Permit

Redundancy

Is redundancy built into ALL processes and systems at the existing plant in the event of a failure? Will the new WRF have completely redundant processes and systems?

Siting

WHY IS OUR "WATERSIDE" plant NOT ALLOWED IN ITS CURRENT LOCATION WHEN SANTA CRUZ & SAN FRANCISCO HAVE THEIR FACILITIES CLOSE TO THE WATER?

Others Can

Siting

Why can other sewer plants in CA be in flood zones NEAR THE COAST? How can the coastal commission force US INTO THE NEW PLANT. I BELIEVE THEY CANNOT!!

IF SEA LEVEL RISE OR A 100 YEAR FLOOD PRECLUDES LEAVING THE PRESENT SEWER PLANT (WITH UP-GRADES) WHERE IT IS, HOW COULD THE THE CITY PERMIT ANY LARGE PERMANENT STRUCTURE SUCH AS A HOLIDAY INN AT THAT LOCATION?

Will we lose the low
cost WIFIA & SRF
funds if we delay? What
else can be done to lower
cost? Will the WIFIA
loan be granted if there is no
recyclable water?

What would be the
cost to Morro Bay
if things could be
worked out with
Cayucos?

Will the City ^{Answered} apply for a
development permit from
the county before or after
it signs the design build
contract?

How will the citizens benefit
from reclaimed H₂O. Where
will it be used?

If 2/3 results in a majority of
No votes - what happens next?

Capacity

I'd like to know the CAPACITY,
in terms of population and/or number of
connections/hook-ups the proposed new
sewer treatment and water reclamation
plant is designed to serve. Thank you.

What is the projected life span of the new plant?

Life Span

Does the city have the authority to issue a coastal development permit for the new WRF at the south bay site?

permit

Siting

9. The peer review group was very clear in insisting the new or renovated plant be located at or near the current location. How does moving our sewer plant 3 miles uphill make any financial or engineering sense?

Has the authority to issue a coastal development permit at the existing site reverted back to the city? (after denial in 2013)

permit

Site

13. A City councilman told us recently that the "Hanson site" (one of the 17 sites) and a portion of the adjacent Lila Kaiser park are outside of the FEMA 100 year flood plain map. Why can't we build a new plant there?

Siting

10. Why not maintain the plant in its current location and pipe the secondary treated water inland to a small plant outside the City limits where it could be treated to a tertiary level then stored in constructed wetlands (ponds), or used by farmers for irrigation?

Procedure

- Why not put the rates ~~vote~~ to a normal vote instead of relying on the Prop 218 vote?

- Is removal of tertiary treatment from the project scope ~~and~~ being considered?

The WRF Peer Review report "explored reducing costs at the South Bay Boulevard site, ... Cost reductions included removing space for future public facilities, reduced odor control". The WRF is to be located off Scenic Highway One so why take the chance of stinking up the air for visitors and residents?

TERTIARY IRRIGATION - ERIC C.

Please expand on the tertiary irrigation component.

Specifically, the need for it to be potable. How much potable irrigation water will be available and what are some of the other ~~uses~~ intended uses? My concern is unstoppable growth.

Overfill Flooding
Is there a danger we could overfill the aquifer with recycled water and cause flooding?

What is the exposure for the city to litigation by 3rd parties if it does not fulfill the obligations under the 2008 settlement agreement? Surfrider, Sierra Club, etc.

Can the City
continue support
of water discount program
and work to increase the
fund in behalf of low-
income residents

Leaking Pipes

Why hasn't the city fixed the leaking sewer pipes?

Does the CCRWPCB recognize there is raw sewage polluting the Mono Basin Drinking Water Aquifer?

Leaking Pipes

12. Leaking underground sewer lines (e.g. 60/40 line, etc.) have been identified for many years and are polluting the groundwater. **Why hasn't the City repaired or replaced these lines with the money approved in 2015?**

Why is City + City Council discussing
another water + sewer rate increase
when the most current rate structure
(2015) still has 2 more annual
increases in 2018 + 2019?

WHY WAS CURRENT RFT

WRITTEN WITH INCENTIVE TO BUILDERS

THAT BUILD EXPENSIVE PROJECTS

INSTEAD OF THOSE WHO BUILT

LOWER COST PROJECTS FOR
COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS?

Can you describe how the RFP process works.

When can we expect the results from the RFP process to be public?

Why didn't City have
a public forum - like this -
well attended meeting
before almost all decisions

have been

made (i.e. \$300,000 EIR) ?

Two days ago City Manager Collins appointed a "Blue Ribbon Commission" to "evaluate costs and potential rate increases" for the proposed WRF. Three members are from the business sector and one previously in public finance. Why not just include residents with no ties to local businesses or some renters, homeowners, retired, and/or low-income residents? A League of Women Voters representative would be great, and, will commission meetings be open to public and subject to Brown Act.

Question:

How much will the City of MB have to return to Cayucos now that Cayucos won't benefit from a new Plant - from the 2015 Prop 218 rate increases?

Has LAFCO or the Co. of So indicated they are interested in allowing Annexation of So. Bay Blvd Site

TSD

WHAT IS A TIME SCHEDULE ORDER?

WHAT DOES IT DO?

WHAT IF WE FAIL TO MEET IT?

Will the current plant be able to meet full secondary treatment once Cayugas is gone?

How is the Blue Ribbon Committee being selected?

Cost - rate study

Will the rate study cover the cost of everything needed to cost the WRF up and running?
WRF at SBB site
Lift stations
Piping
Demolition of old WTP
consultants
injection wells
etc.

Thank you

Regarding Prop. 218 Vote:

Please explain how many votes and who can vote when a person owns their own home (1 parcel) and multiple single family residences as rentals occupied by tenants who may or may not pay water.

DID COUNCIL EVER ASK STAFF TO

Prop 218

PROPOSE A PROJECT THAT COULD BE

FUNDED BY THE 2015 PROP 218

RATE INCREASE?

IF SO WHERE IS IT?

Hasn't the City approved
a Prop. 218 Vote
for \$75 million?

QUESTION:

WHERE IS THE MONEY FROM
THE 2015 PROP 218 THAT
WAS TO BUILD THE PROJECT

?

WHY ARE YOU ASKING FOR MORE

Cost

no project

Question for MBCC Meeting 4/25/18

Many Morro Bay citizens think the South Bay Blvd. design will be much too expensive. They are struggling to pay their present sewer bill. Why have the city leaders abandoned refitting our existing sewer plant at an affordable cost? Are you aware that the California Coastal Commission has a new policy that will allow design wavers based on economic hardship?

Please explain why there is no public comment at the beginning of this MBCC special meeting?

What will the council & staff do differently (from the last 5 yrs) to ensure this project will be managed in a way for minimal cost impact to the city rate payers?

THE WIPIC LOAN PROVIDES 49% OF THE TOTAL COST OR 82 MILLION DOLLARS, WHERE WILL THE REMAINING 51% COME FROM?

4. If the City cannot provide a full accounting of the money raised/spent from the increases of 2015, **where has the money gone, and why should the residents of Morro Bay be expected to approve another round of increases?**

8. The project has been split into 3 smaller pieces. How CAN rate increases be computed when the actual cost of each piece is not known?

Why was the RFO
on financials
set at ~~requiring~~ requiring
(2) 89-million dollars
projects?

Can you give me
your current water
recycle plan as it
pertains to recharging
wells? What wells, gallons
recycled?

IS San Luis Obispo
building a water
reclamation project?

What if San Francisco
or Santa Cruz required
upgrades to their sewer
plants - Do you think the
Coastal Commission would
OPPOSE it?

- [REDACTED]
- 1 We Own our Land, how is it cheap
 - 2 Why isn't cheaper to Pump the Aquifer?
 - 3 Was Did Meiro Jones Stop Reports
 - 4 Jones Stop Land Use CCM
 - 5 How Come We Can Put Raw Sewage in the ~~Controlled~~ Bay when this is a road Down

Has the City of Morro Bay
Appealed The Coastal Commission
2013 Decision? If not, why not?
(Noting the dramatic cost of
new site and cost-benefit of
further distance to new site?)

Please give us
your specific water
recycling well recharging
plans, timeline and
gallon quantities.

The statement was made that the application for ^{upgrade &} expansion made to Coastal Commission was denied. Now that Cayucos is doing their own plant, the volume of influent will reduce dramatically. Did the CC deny the project due to expansion or due to necessary upgrades? Has the

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City explored challenging the CC ruling now that Cayucos is not participating? How can the CC force moving the site when volume is no longer the issue, just water quality standards, which can be done with upgrades of equipment?

How many
members of this
panel live in
Morro Bay

Why isn't
someone from
Castro
here tonight?

What are the reasons and benefits to the community for recycling and reuse of the wastewater given the cost when we have state water, local wells and the Brackish water/Desal plant.

Hello,
Will the City apply
for a development
permit from the County
before or after it signs
the design build contract?

GROWTH CAP & CAPACITY

Will the proposed new WRF increase the 12,200 population cap set by initiative and based on existing resources?

If so, by how much? What do you expect the new growth cap to be as a result of reclaimed water?

1. How many other cities in CA that are the size of Morro Bay have such a expensive water treatment facility

2. How much is the cost of the water treatment facility without the water reclamation

If Cayucos is moving out why couldn't MB's current plant satisfy CWB effluent caps?

If a higher quality of water
is required to get a
discharge permit, can that
quality of water be met
from the plant we have
now? Joe Mueller

If the 2017 Water
Monitoring Report states
the WWTP has no
adverse effect on the
Ocean environment →

Why is the CCRWOC
Board considering
fining the City of
Marro Bay for
Polluting?

Why did the CCRWQCB
take the liberty to respond
to a citizens concerns
about the validity of WIFIA
loan and copy MB city
staff? The city was

not copied on my
original inquiry.

Why does the CCRWQCB
think it is ok to add
others to my private
inquiry of Chairman [unclear]

Does the CCRWQCB

have an opinion

on the City of Morro Bay
WIFIA Letter of Interest

and the accuracy of the
representations?

Was the agreement
between the City of Morro
Bay & the CCRWQCB
published for Public
Review? We want to

know what the
agreement says.

Please provide that
document for public
Review.

Does the CCRWQCB
know of towns being
without water?

Are cities running
out of state water?

6. The current project calls for pumping a huge volume of influent 3 miles uphill to the new plant. What is the daily cost of electricity to push all that water uphill?

DOES THE COST OF THE NEW PLANT AS IDENTIFIED IN THE RFP INCLUDE COST OF:
YES OR NO

1. RECYCLED WATER ?
2. LIFT STATION DESIGN ?
3. LIFT STATION CONSTRUCTION ?
4. 3 MILES OF PIPING ?
5. THE INJECTION WELL STUDY ?
6. INJECTION WELL CONSTRUCTION ?

IF THE NEW SEWER PLANT DOES NOT INCLUDE RECYCLEABLE WATER, AT STARTUP, WILL THE EPA WIFIA LOAN BE GRANTED ?

merged

The "time schedule order" issued by the water board shields the city from fines and litigation. If the TSO is withdrawn or expires, what is the city's exposure to fines and litigation costs?

~~What~~ What is the cost per acre-ft of the 800 af of reclaimed water?

What is the value of the 800 af of reclaimed water based on state costs?

- Why not offset the cost of the new plant with the value of selling the property to a developer?

PACKARD - what potential fines does the city face if the city does not comply with a waste water treatment plant in a timely manner?

How will the value of the plant be calculated if Morro Bay stays and uses the 40% Cayucos ownership? Wouldn't the Cayucos value go up a lot if this facility continued in use instead of being demolished?

Would Morro Bay buy out Cayucos interest if we stay beyond the 5 years?

Explain why just a "reduction of flow" does not ensure compliance to the new NPDES permit

Can the city keep operating the existing plant and just pay the fines indefinitely? Isn't this cheaper than paying for a new plant?

If Morro Bay stays at the current site beyond the 5 year timeframe will Cayucos still share the cost to demolish the existing plant when the time comes? Will Morro Bay have to "lease" the Cayucos share of the plant to stay there?

Will new plant be less expensive to operate than the existing plant?

WHEN THE PEER REVIEW GROUP WAS ASKED
HOW THEY COULD REDUCE THE COST OF THE
SOUTHBAY SITE, THEIR FIRST RESPONSE,
PER CITY STAFF, WAS TO LEAVE IT WHERE
IT IS OR CLOSE TO IT. WHY DID COUNCIL
SAY THE SOUTHBAY SITE WAS THE PEER
REVIEWERS "PREFERENTIAL" SITE

There is a lot of
misunderstanding of
how the monies from
the 2015 Prop 218
was to be spent. What
was the purpose/
purposes of this
proposition AND
over

Where is the money
currently being
spent?

Since only one (1) vote counts
during a Prop 218 protest.

How will the City count the votes?
Will the City count the first
vote into City Hall or would the
parcel owner vote be viewed as
more important than a renter
who may also vote for the same
parcel? How will the votes be weighted?

Where is THE 2015 218
MONEY?
WHERE HAS IT BEEN SPENT?

Why is THERE NO ACCOUNTABILITY
THIS HAS BEEN ASKED FOR
AND PROMISES TO THE
CITIZENS FOR MONTHS

- When are you going
to start the 218?

- What will you want on this
ballot?

If the Coastal Commission
demanded that you drop
\$60 Million off of the
Project to make it affordable
for the Community, What would
you immediately change/drop?

IF NUMEROUS COASTAL
CALIFORNIA CITIES HAVE
BUILT FOR 60 MILLION
DOLLARS OR LESS
PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY.

I'd like to know what each Council member would see as a cap or maximum rate that can be tolerated by the average household in Morro Bay. Please be specific - a \$ amount

1. If the City fails to come into compliance with the Regional Water Quality Control Board's order to meet secondary discharge standards by the due date, what actions will the Board take?
 - What specific actions?
 - In what order?
2. If fines are assessed, how will they be assessed?
 - How will they be collected?
 - Is there a cap on total fines that will be assessed?
3. If City voters reject a Prop 218 rate increase this summer to pay for construction of a new Water Reclamation Facility, how will the Board react?

The City of San Diego included a Prop 218 ballot was use by residents. Will the City of Morro Bay provide a ballot? It's a strange type election. If residents ignore the ballot and take no action, they have by default cast a YES vote. A protest ballot is the only way to vote against the project funding, basically against the project.

What happens if the
218 process fails?

What happens if 218
doesn't pass?

Questions:

What is the City's PLAN B
if enough property owners
Protest - 51%
to rate increases?

What will the City do?

Water Reclamation facility project

150 mil/yr

Will the city apply for a development permit from the County before or after it signs the design-build contract?

Answered

IF THE REGIONAL WATER CONTROL BOARD IS SO CONCERNED WITH LOCAL WATER SHORTAGE AND SEA WATER INTRUSION, WHY DOESN'T IT HARVEST THE WATER FLOW FROM THE MODOO CANYON CREEK - IN SOME A WHOLE ROUNDTYPE DAM AT THE TOP OF MODOO CANYON?

With the current plant
and distribution lines coming
to North Morro Bay, besides
neighborhood concerns, why were
sites along Hwy 41 rejected?
Seems like there a lot more
costs to have the plant in South
Morro Bay.

DOES A SEWER PLANT
HOLD A BIGGER CONCERN
TO THE CCC THEN A
PUBLIC HI SCHOOL.

Question:

Why are City Officials Now
WORRIED ABOUT COSTS
WHEN MB CITIZENS HAVE
WARNED COUNCIL ALL ALONG
?

We know Mr Irons told

Coastal Commission we did not want to stay in the current site when Coastal Commission still said it would consider. Stop lying.

You looked at other sites, you never looked at different plants

to reduce costs.

Your wife's loan apply required reclamation yet we don't have a place to deposit this volume of water and it will go into the ocean. Why do I need to pay for this?

What are your expected JPA, (Cayucas Partnership) dissolution costs, and how will this cost impact current project?

How does stormwater flow affect the plant

Are all plants required to handle stormwater?

Safety

QUESTION:

Why DID the CITY PURPOSELY ELIMINATE THE SMALLER COST-EFFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES THAT WANTED TO COMPETE TO BID THE JOB?

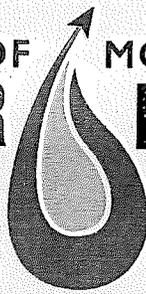
What is the possibility of building out of pocket a 2nd clarifier without a coastal commission permit?

Water recovery is an admirable goal for the City of Morro Bay which heavily relies on relatively expensive water from the State of California. Projections are that the proposed WRF would enable the city to recover ~500,000 gal/day of tertiary treated water at a cost slightly higher than the current state water price. This also sounds like a reasonable expense as state water prices are likely to increase in the future, particularly if the "Delta Tunnels" are built. (1) The question is "What is the city going to do with all this water "not currently fit for human consumption"?" (The clay-like soil underlying the Morro Valley aquifer may only be able to handle ~20% of the purified water. Are they going to pump the excess, expensive water back into the ocean?) We are told that it is too expensive to pump the water to Whale Rock reservoir and back again or to pump it to Los Osos, which desperately needs more water to make their double-sized sewage treatment plant to operate efficiently. The water is too expensive for agricultural purposes. Would it not be wiser to obtain hard answers about the water before building a largely useless water recycling facility? (2)

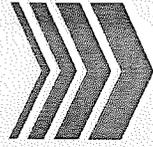
WRF Peer Review Com. With local city engineers and operators concluded that the WRF the water/sewer rate was unaffordable by residents. They stated:

"7. The proposed combined water/sewer rate of \$250/month is untenable in the context of average Citywide household income of \$50K—about 6% of annual income, which is higher than the EPA's affordable index (4.5%) Note: The panel assumed the EPA AI was 3%. It is reasonable to expect a reduction will be required to make this project more palatable to the public.

CITY OF MORRO BAY
WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT



PUBLIC FORUM



COMMENTS WELCOME

We would love to hear from you!

The draft EIR says the WRF will have 4 employees at one time on site. 1) Is the operations building still 7,000 square feet? 2) Is the access road still an easement 60 feet wide? 3) When will the entrance to Teresa Drive drawings be made available? 4) What changes and costs will be involved with that entrance?

Hand in at Public Forum or City Hall.

Questions submitted by the Public during April 25, 2018 Meeting



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Of the 17 sites considered for the WRF, only 1, referred to as "The South Bay Boulevard site", was in the Morro Bay Estuary watershed. Since the financial health of the City of Morro Bay is intimately tied to the vibrant health of the estuary and bay, how could the City of Morro Bay and, also the California Coastal Commission, allow a sewage treatment facility with its large, pressurized raw sewage pipes to be located in such a sensitive, risky location? After all, there were at least 16 other sites that would not jeopardize the future of Morro Bay.

Which site

WRF Forum, April 25, 2018

Questions:

? Explain differences

Why is the site layout shown on Figure 2-4 in the recently release draft EIR for the proposed Water Reclamation Facility so drastically different from what was previously shown on Figure 7-5 in the Facility Master Plan?

The recently released draft EIR does not suggest much innovation regarding project concepts. Being that the city is pursuing federal funds under the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act, shouldn't the draft EIR present more innovative alternatives such as modifying some of the existing collection system to minimize pumping?

more choices - reduce cost

land purchase

Why is the city acquiring so much land greater than what is required for the proposed facility? What will become of that city-owned excess land?

Except for the cost of the proposed facility at South Bay Boulevard, on which the city is waiting, what is the total estimated cost of all of the other project components such as the lift station, pipelines and injection wells?

During the City of Morro Bay's Council meeting yesterday, on April 24, 2018, Councilmen Heading indicated that no figures have been disseminated as it pertains to the cost of the WRF plant nor the increase in cost to the citizens on a monthly basis for sewer/water because the figures had not been finalized.

If that is the case, why did a letter, created on March 5, 2018, to Honorable Congressman Salud Carbajal, page 2 specifically state:

Water Reclamation Facility: (copy attached)

- New Water Reclamation Facility to replace 65-year old Morro Bay-Cayucos Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Fully operational by 2021.
- Total project costs estimate at over \$150M.
- Residential water and sewer rates could be over \$247/month or higher with conventional bond financing.
- Seeking Federal funding assistance.

If our City Leaders are telling the government agencies one thing and the citizens another; especially the businesses and citizens who will be responsible for the reimburse of loans for the construction of a WRF...where is the truth and transparency with respect to the funds already collected from the 2015 Proposition 218 sewer/water rate increases?



CITY OF MORRO BAY

CITY HALL

595 Harbor Street
Morro Bay, CA 93442

March 5, 2018

Honorable Congressman Salud Carbajal
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

RE: MORRO BAY FEDERAL CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES

Dear Congressman Carbajal,

Thank you for your service in the United States Congress. On behalf of the City of Morro Bay, we respectfully communicate to you our Federal concerns, comments and priorities, outlined below:

Morro Bay Harbor Dredging and Army Corps of Engineers Funding:

- All harbor interior channels recently dredged, in good shape for ~5-7 years.
- Annual harbor entrance dredging critical to maintaining safe navigation in winter months.
- Army Corps dredge ship *Yaquina* funded in FY18 for harbor entrance dredging this Spring.
- President's FY19 budget includes \$2.4M in Corps work program funding for Morro Bay.
- **City of Morro Bay requests this be increased to \$3.0M to enable full dredging of expected average annual infill.**
- Ensure FY19 appropriations sufficient to meet full capability of Army Corps work planning.
- Increase Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund expenditures to hit targets in WRDA 2014.

Fishery Issues:

- NOAA funding needed for groundfish quota system observer/monitoring programs, or
- Audited electronic monitoring.
- Refinance the Pacific Coast Groundfish Buyback Loan program via Magnuson-Stevens.
- Ensure fishery management decision making is based on data-rich and not data-poor.
- Voice of commercial fishing communities and working waterfronts need to be heard.

Marine Sanctuaries:

- Support the Sanctuary program's overall goals and objectives.
- Resolve issues with sanctuary governance first before establishing new sanctuaries.

National Estuary Program Funding:

- Continue to invest in coastal stewardship by funding National Estuary Program.
- NEP programs work collaboratively and effectively with local partners.
- Recommend \$650,000 for each of the nation's 28 NEP programs in FY19.

Offshore Wind Energy:

- Support sustainable and renewable energy.
- City of Morro Bay in Memorandum of Cooperation with Trident Winds wind farm project.
- Wind farm projects should properly mitigate impacts on communities and fisheries.