



City Manager's Update

October 15, 2018

Happy Monday, Morro Bay!

Autumn is officially here, and with that comes the anticipation for Halloween! Morro Bay residents and visitors are invited to the 5th Annual "Trick or Treat" in Downtown Morro Bay on October 31st, from 3:00 – 5:30p.m. It's a safe, family-friendly experience for folks of all ages, whether you're 1 or a 101. You can pick up the Trick or Treat map at Grandma's "Gathering Place" Courtyard, 307 Morro Bay Blvd. at 3:00p.m. on Halloween. Come out in your scariest costume or dress up as your favorite character, and don't forget to visit the Morro Bay Police Department Haunted House that afternoon from 3:00 – 7:00p.m.!

With summer just behind us, we felt this is a good opportunity to share with the community how we did with tourism locally. This City Manager update includes a recap of July and August efforts (typically our busiest tourist months in Morro Bay) in terms of hotel occupancy and hotel tax collections.

In this report you will also learn how to properly equip your house for fire safety, while also receiving an update on the work to bring offshore wind farming to Morro Bay, among other important City updates.

Have a wonderful week, and thank you for reading the City Manager's update! Feel free to share your thoughts with me either by email at scollins@morrobayca.gov or drop me a line at 805-776-6206.

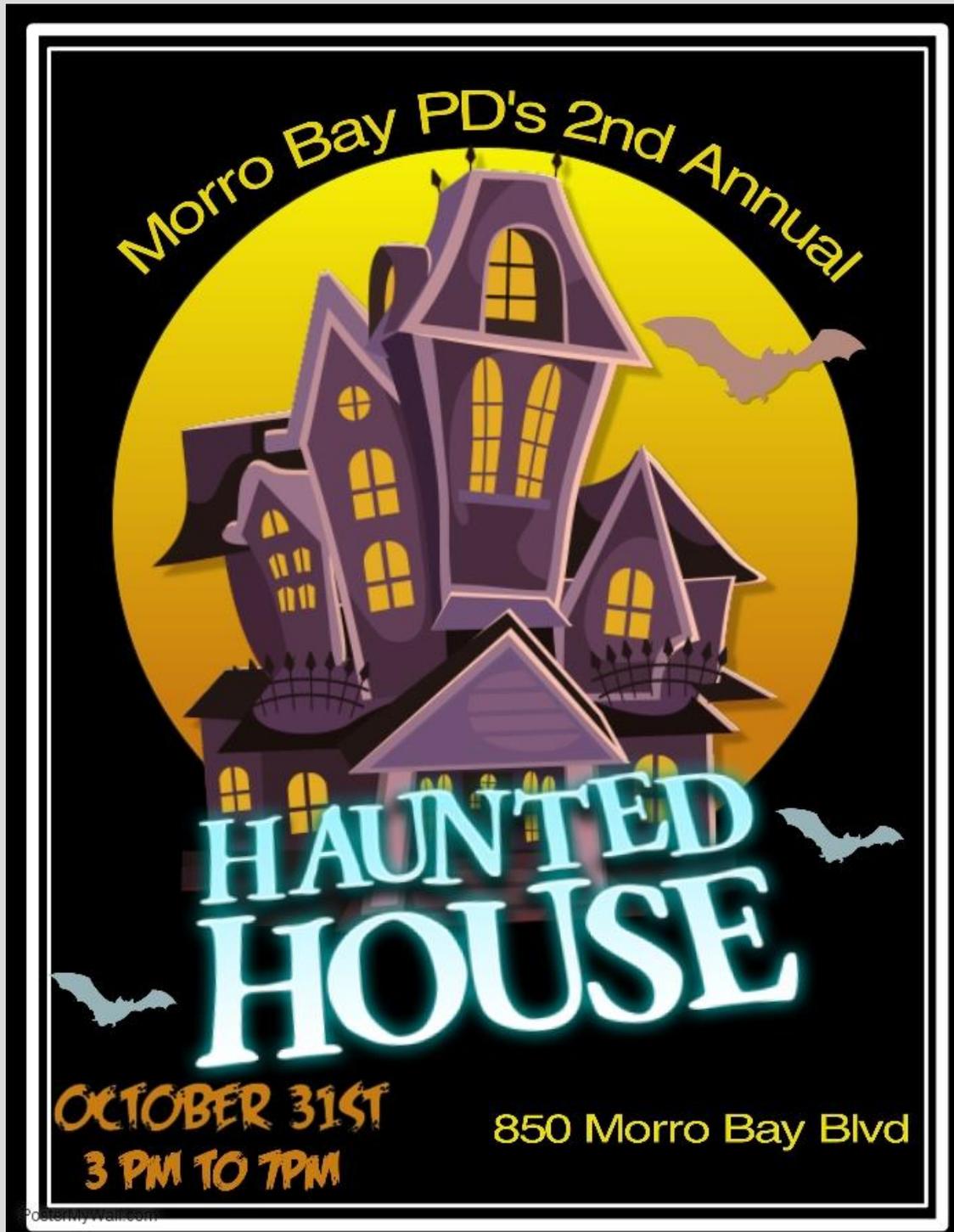
Thanks!

Scott Collins
City Manager

Police

Morro Bay PD's Haunted House is Back!

Come join the Morro Bay Police team for some frightening fun on October 31st.



On September 25th, Officer Domingo Flores received the Law Enforcement Appreciation Award from the King David Masonic Lodge. Every year this organization recognizes various LEO's from throughout our region to thank them for exemplary service to their communities and their organization. This year Officer Flores was selected to receive this award based on his continuous dedication and commitment to the profession. We truly appreciate Officer Flores' hard work and willingness to "jump in and get 'er done." This award recognition is well deserved. Thank you for all that you do for our community.



Officer Flores receiving his award, third from the left.

On September 28th, Officer Maria Lomeli took part in the 2018 Morro Bay High School & Coast Union High School Teen Drivers Challenge and...Morro Bay won! The program recognizes the importance of safe teen driving programs, and the schools and law enforcement agencies are working together to educate teens on methods and techniques to become safer drivers.



Finally, On October 10th, Sergeant Nicole Taylor joined other county agencies in the opening ceremony for [Operation Surf](#) that Morro Bay hosted this past weekend. The opening ceremony was held in Avila Beach and was very well attended by local Law Enforcement and many war veterans. Operation Surf is a non-profit organization that helps wounded and injured active-duty military and veteran heroes move forward in a positive direction through an epic, life-changing surfing experience



Tourism

Summer Recap

Now that summer is over, it gives Tourism the opportunity to look back to see how we did over the heavy tourist season. We are typically pretty full during summer months in Morro Bay, so Tourism makes a point of not pushing summer in terms of marketing. Instead, we concentrate use of marketing funds for the October - May months (shoulder season) when we need more visitors here. This has been a standard practice for many years, that helps to make best use of our marketing funds.

With Highway 1 reopening on July 20, 2018, we did not see improvement in July over last year, although hotel room occupancy rates held steady at 84% (same as 2017). August showed a strong uptick with additional visitors. Occupancy rates rose from 74% (August 2017) to 81% in August 2018. As a result, hotel tax collections are up 4% for the year (Fiscal Year 2018/19) compared to last year. In addition to

improvements for hotels stays, Morro Bay restaurants and retailers in the tourism corridor reported that they saw more visitors and increased sales than in recent years.

If you would like to review the complete summary of the TOT report from 2005 to current year, they are available at: <http://www.morrobayca.gov/DocumentCenterii.asp>

**CITY OF MORRO BAY
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2018/19**

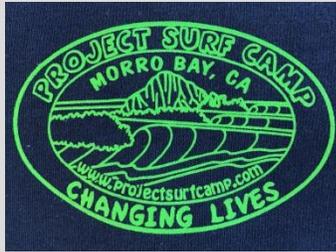
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JULY	\$3,802,709.59	\$380,270.96	84%	916	\$317,712.60	\$31,771.26	\$809,710.34	\$80,971.03	\$493,013.25	\$38,034.30	\$114,081.29
AUGUST	\$3,503,229.31	\$350,322.93	81%	915	\$241,602.75	\$24,160.28	\$633,923.41	\$63,392.35	\$437,875.55	\$35,034.69	\$105,096.88
SEPTEMBER	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,282.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
OCTOBER	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOVEMBER	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DECEMBER	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FEBRUARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MARCH	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
APRIL	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JUNE	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	915	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$7,305,938.90	\$730,593.89			\$559,315.35	\$55,931.54	\$1,456,505.34	\$145,646.29	\$932,171.72	\$73,068.99	\$219,178.17

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AUGUST	\$3,143,702.31	\$314,370.23	74%	915	\$248,379.37	\$24,837.94	\$633,710.98	\$63,371.10	\$402,579.27	\$40,257.93	\$94,311.07
SEPTEMBER	\$2,691,866.18	\$269,186.62	73%	915	\$252,402.81	\$25,240.29	\$395,475.68	\$39,547.57	\$333,974.47	\$33,135.29	\$80,755.99
OCTOBER	\$2,273,558.24	\$227,355.82	65%	917	\$210,006.01	\$21,000.60	\$364,344.10	\$37,349.61	\$285,706.04	\$28,195.48	\$68,206.75
NOVEMBER	\$1,718,817.73	\$171,881.78	56%	918	\$172,278.19	\$17,227.81	\$334,432.51	\$32,931.77	\$222,041.36	\$22,007.94	\$51,564.53
DECEMBER	\$1,680,480.80	\$168,048.08	52%	908	\$138,293.20	\$13,829.32	\$361,589.31	\$34,832.27	\$216,709.67	\$21,048.44	\$50,414.42
JANUARY	\$1,188,259.84	\$118,825.98	46%	916	\$119,705.35	\$11,970.54	\$214,552.73	\$21,455.27	\$152,251.79	\$14,994.90	\$35,647.79
FEBRUARY	\$1,469,645.76	\$146,964.58	55%	909	\$128,183.92	\$12,818.39	\$189,446.21	\$18,261.09	\$178,044.06	\$16,895.59	\$44,089.37
MARCH	\$1,863,853.47	\$186,385.35	59%	917	\$167,243.12	\$16,724.31	\$282,058.63	\$28,205.86	\$231,315.52	\$23,129.93	\$55,915.60
APRIL	\$1,983,398.49	\$198,339.85	61%	917	\$214,982.55	\$21,498.26	\$345,067.12	\$34,506.71	\$254,344.82	\$25,434.48	\$59,501.95
MAY	\$2,180,621.69	\$218,062.17	61%	916	\$196,880.92	\$19,688.09	\$356,289.77	\$35,628.98	\$273,379.24	\$27,717.16	\$65,418.65
JUNE	\$2,787,842.14	\$278,784.22	74%	915	\$260,417.26	\$26,041.73	\$585,794.61	\$58,579.45	\$363,405.39	\$27,987.81	\$83,635.26
	\$26,860,623.04	\$2,686,062.31			\$2,401,861.57	\$240,186.16	\$4,887,333.42	\$487,126.86	\$3,413,375.33	\$318,521.60	\$805,818.69

Grants for Special Events

TBID (Tourism Business Improvement District) Advisory Board recently reviewed 29 community and event grants for 2018/19. The Board, consisting of five Morro Bay hoteliers plus two at large positions, reviews General Fund grants that positively influence tourism and help our residents and community. Out of the 29 grant applications, 28 were funded. Of those, 11 were community grants for local non-profit organizations. One such request was submitted by Morro Bay Beautiful, who created and manages the annual Morro Bay Yard Sale. In an effort to help this nonprofit and Morro Bay residents, TBID funded Morro Bay Beautiful's request that will allow all residents to be part of the annual yard sale at no cost. In December, Tourism will send out a formal announcement about this change and how to participate at no cost; look for more information in the coming months. Tourism also funded a grant for the Morro Bay Maritime Museum. Congratulations for a fantastic opening of their new museum!



Some of the community programs supported by TBID grants

Finally, we are pleased to announce hotel owner, Hemant Patel, has been appointed to the Countywide Tourism Board ([Visit SLOCAL](#)). Mr. Patel oversees the management of the three properties his family owns here in Morro Bay. Mr. Patel's family bought their first Morro Bay hotel in 2001 and are an important part of our hotel community. We are thrilled to have a large hotel owner representing all of the Morro Bay hotels on the County board. Please welcome Hemant!

Fire

The San Luis Obispo County Fire Chief's Burn Relay stops at Del Mar Elementary



This week many Fire Departments from our county participated in our Burn Relay in partnership with KSBY TV, educating thousands of children and raising donations for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. The Burn Relay stopped at Del Mar Elementary with nine fire engines with Christina Favuzzi of KSBY Daybreak TV leading 30 firefighters in a burn prevention message to our kids such as "Stop Drop and Roll, Get Down Get Low Get Out, Escape Plans, meeting place outside, and proper use of matches." We take this

opportunity to visit up to 8,000 children at their schools throughout this county to promote a fire prevention message.

The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation has multiple burn survivor programs to support survivors throughout the state of California. In addition to providing a summer camp program for burn survivors from the western states and foreign countries, the burn foundation provides Back to School program, Young Adult Summit for survivors



aged 17-20 years, a Family Camp for burn survivors' families, Peer Support, and Workshops and Conferences to enhance personal growth. Most of all, the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation provides special assistance to burn survivors such as housing and food, clothing, image enhancement, resources and referrals, transportation, pressure garments, permanent makeup, and wigs. Donations collected during the burn relay goes to support the programs of the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, which include burn

prevention and assistance to burn survivors. Our largest program is Champ Camp, a special summer camp for burn-injured children.

This year the Morro Bay Firefighters donated \$750 to sponsor one child burn survivor to Champ Camp this year. As for San Luis Obispo County, firefighters donated up to \$13,000 to the foundation.

For more information about the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, checkout www.aarbf.org.

Follow the Morro Bay Fire Department at www.twitter.com/MorroBayFire

Follow the City of Morro Bay at www.morrobayca.gov and www.facebook.com/CityofMorroBay

During this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 7th – 13th, Morro Bay Fire Department encourages our residents to "Look, Listen, Learn."

Today's home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.



NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

"These numbers show that while we've made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from

happening, there's still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one," said Fire Chief Steven Knuckles. "This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today's home fires grow and spread."

Morro Bay Fire personnel also notes that although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

"Working in the fire service for many years, we know that people often make choices in fire situations that jeopardize their safety or even cost them their lives," said Fire Marshal Matthew Vierra of the Morro Bay Fire Department. "We need to do a better job of teaching people about the potentially life-saving difference escape planning and practice can make and motivating them to action."

Captain Vierra says this year's "Look. Listen. Learn." campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- **Look** for places fire could start.
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- **Learn** 2 ways out of every room.



Also noted during the City Council Proclamation at our last City Council meeting, only 50% of our homes in Morro Bay have a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector. In fact, all fires in residences this year did not have a working smoke or carbon dioxide detector. Not all fires can be prevented but we can control if our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in the proper location and are working properly.

If you have any questions or need help about smoke carbon monoxide detectors, and home escape, contact us at 805.772.6242 or stop by our Harbor Street Fire Station, 715 Harbor Street.

Harbor

Pipeline Removal Project

The Pipeline removal for the Power Plant is nearing completion. This has given quite a show of activity with tugs, cranes and barges in the water and heavy equipment on the beach. A final sweep of the ocean floor will take place to clear the water portion of this project as well as a sonar survey in the upcoming week. The beach portion has approximately 80 feet of pipeline remaining with some permits still pending for the final removal in the creek area.



Jesse King Memorial Paddle and Harbor Festival

Jesse King Memorial Paddle and the Morro Bay Harbor Festival both took place on October 6th and kept Harbor Department staff busy. Both events were successful in their attendance and were blessed with excellent weather. The Jesse King Paddle is a fundraiser for Morro Bay Junior Guards in memory of our own City Lifeguard and Coast Guardsman who passed away 9 years ago in a free diving accident off Cambria.



Offshore Wind Farming

Trident Wind farm public forum was held Oct. 11th. A great explanation of the project that hopes to generate electricity from wind turbines was well received by the Morro Bay audience. The Morro Bay Offshore Project will consist of approximately 100 floating offshore wind systems that will harvest the vast offshore wind resources for the benefit of the California electric consumers.



Rain!

The rain has finally come to the Central Coast! October 3rd, 2018 was our first day of rain, which yielded .50 inch.

California Coastal Cleanup 2018 Stats

1,312 Volunteers picked up 5,688 pounds of trash & recycle across 36 cleanup location throughout SLO County! Thank you so much to all of our volunteers for making our county a cleaner, more beautiful place! If you missed this year's clean up, save the date for September 21st. Please visit the website for more information on registering: www.ecoslo.org/coastal-cleanup-day

ECOSLO cleanups are data-driven, so here is the top 10 most picked up trash item this year.

1. Cigarette butts 15,360
2. Food Wrappers 6,091
3. Plastic pieces 5,995
4. Glass pieces 2,866
5. Plastic bottle caps 1,886
6. Metal bottle caps 1,531
7. Foam pieces 1,423
8. Plastic beverage bottles 1,232
9. Straws/stirrers 1,187
10. Glass beverage bottles 1,087

Saildrone Mission

Saildrones and NOAA are in the midst of their 1st Saildrone Mission, 5 saildrones launched alongside one of NOAA's research vessel, starting in Vancouver Island, Canada and traveling to San Diego's most Southern US border. Four of the Saildrones will follow a track similar to the research vessel REUBEN LASKER to gather acoustic data on the hake population. The fifth Saildrone will augment the ship's survey a of coastal pelagic fish like anchovy and sardines by surveying nearer shore areas. This unmanned vessel can be seen examining vertical-migration and schooling patterns by studying the same area over multiple days and surveying ahead of the ship, to enable the ship to focus on areas with the most fish.

This integrated survey is an innovative approach to assessing fish stock. By working with multiple fisheries and working alongside one of NOAA's research vessels, this mission will demonstrate the efficiency of using unmanned systems to augment limited research vessel time to provide necessary data for accurate assessments. In addition, weather data gathered by the saildrones will be used to improve forecast models. These wind and solar powered autonomous vehicles are the first-of-its-kind.

Public Works

Water Operations

Inspections:

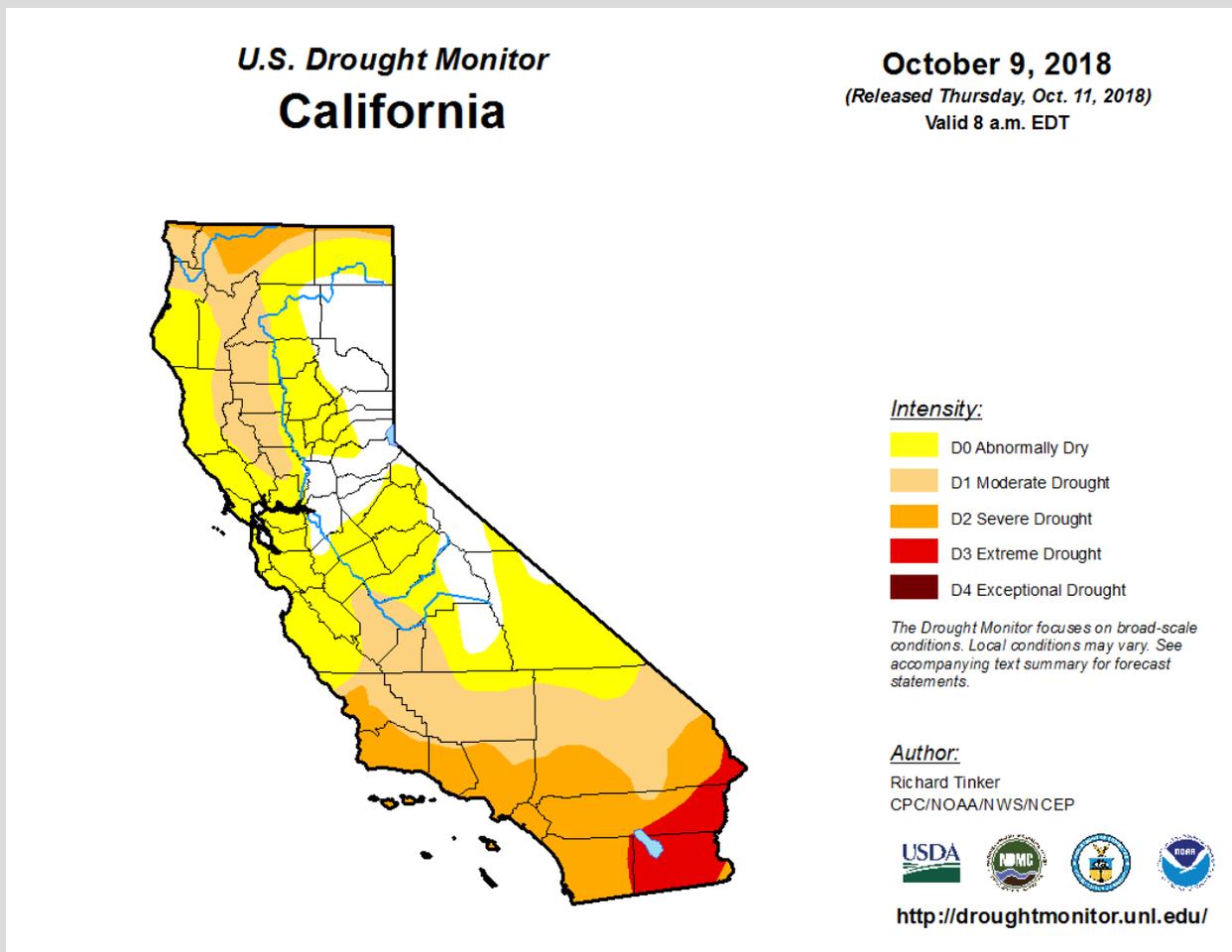
In September, State Water Boards, Division of Drinking Water conducted its annual inspection of our water system. This is a very thorough inspection including all water storage tank sites, booster stations, and treatment facilities including a review of our reports and records. The inspection was very positive noting only minor recommendations.

Please remember to make water conservation a way of life!

For the month of September water conservation was 26% lower compared to September 2013.

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City water conservation rebates available: Cash for grass, rain barrel, irrigation retrofit, SMART irrigation controller, toilet retrofit and Energy star washing machine. State rebates now available for removing grass, add replacing a toilet that flushed more than 1.6 gallons per flush (\$100).



Consolidated Maintenance

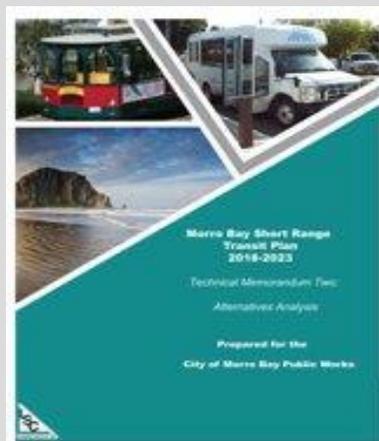
- **Streets:** Installed and finished Hot Mix Asphalt skin patches: 4 tons in the intersections of

Napa/Marina, Napa/Anchor and Napa/Driftwood. 4 tons at the 3300 Blk. of Beachcomber, 8 tons on Little Morro Cr. Rd. between Radcliff and the Bike Park.

- **Trees:** Trimmed and raised canopies at 261 Pacific, 850 Quintana, seven trees along the south side of MB Blvd. from Piney to Bernardo, and two trees on the 400 Blk. of Quintana.
- **Parks:** Prepped and seal coated over old ADA parking stalls at Tideland's parking lot.
- **Parks:** Trimmed pathway shrubs and replaced all drip line irrigation from Indigo to Azure.
- **Trees:** Trim and raised canopies on all cypress trees along bike path from the lift station to Morro Bay High School.
- **Facilities:** Removed old roof shingles, installed new plywood, drip edge & torch down roofing on the sign storage shed.
- **Facilities:** Repaired in the fencing at the Corporation.
- **Facilities:** Replaced missing tiles in Men's shower at the Harbor Rest Room.
- **Facilities:** Replaced sub floor vents and installed new bypass valves in the water heater at the Veterans Hall.
- **Facilities:** Prepped and painted the interior east auditorium wall at the Morro Bay Community Center. Also, repaired roof leak over kitchen.
- **Facilities:** Installed water isolation valve on the north side of the Public Works building. Assembled and installed large metal bookcase.
- **Facilities:** Replaced toilet at Ciano Realty.

Short Range Transit Plan

The SRTP consultant and staff continued work on the alternatives analysis. The consultant also began work on the financial, capital, and marketing sections of the plan. It is anticipated that a draft of the full plan will be completed for staff to begin review by mid-October.



Haunted Trolley to Make Appearance at Trick or Treating on 10/31/18

The Haunted Trolley will be back again this Halloween for the 5th Annual Morro Bay Trick or Treat event on October 31 from 3:00 - 5:30 pm.



Trolley Vehicle Purchase

At its September 25, 2018 meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution 78-18 authorizing the City Manager to purchase a new trolley to replace one that is beyond its useful life. With adoption of the resolution, staff can continue with the process for ordering the vehicle. Once the vehicle is ordered, production time will take approximately 6 months.

Rideshare Week

Rideshare Week was October 1-5, 2018. With more than 75% of commuters choosing to drive alone to their destinations, instead of driving alone, SLO Regional Rideshare kicked off Rideshare Week by inviting the public to explore other ways of getting around by pledging to try something new this year: carpool, ride a bike, walk, or take the bus.

Morro Bay Transit participated in Rideshare Week with Try Transit Thursday where on October 4, free fixed route transit rides were provided on Morro Bay Transit.

Wastewater Collections

In September, Wastewater Collections Staff:

- Cleaned approximately 25,000 feet of sewer mainline.
- Responded to 1 after-hour callout at Lift Station number three due to a failed pump controller.
- Performed maintenance to the flowmeter at Lift Station number three (Quintana and South Bay)
- Transitioned from paper to electronic recordkeeping (CityWorks) to document underground utility locates (USA) for Water and Wastewater piping.
- Reported no mainline overflows for the month.
- Responded to one lateral backup that remained inside the building at 1348 Berwick Street.

- Conducted pH sampling at Mission Linen to monitor facility pretreatment control processes and industrial discharges to the collection system.
- Performed routine lift station maintenance and downloaded rain gauge data at all lift stations.
- Assisted Consolidated Maintenance with storm drain cleaning.
- Conducted 7 source-control inspections at industrial and commercial facilities.
- Assisted customer/contractor at 230 Barlow Street by locating lateral connection at sewer main.
- Reviewed plans for future lateral replacement at 1203 Main Street.
- Inspected sewer laterals at 331 Luzon and 331 Mindoro Streets.
- Fielded contractor questions about on a lateral pump-station replacement at 257 Main Street.
- Collections field crew switched to the 9/80 work schedule.



Wastewater Treatment

Operation & Maintenance

- Flow for the month of September averaged 0.829 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) and totaled 24.863 million gallons.
- Staff recorded <0.01 inches of rain during the month of September.
- Staff responded to (3) after hour callouts in September for plant chlorine adjustments.
- Kyle Quaglino received a State Water Resources Control Board Wastewater Treatment Grade II license and a promotion to Wastewater Systems Operator II.
- The Treatment plant's storm drains were cleaned, and video inspected by the Collections staff. The storm drain outlet gate was inspected and cleared of obstructions.

- Staff performed the annual inspection of all Utility Department's confined space equipment.
- Adjusted the chlorine disinfection setpoint to increase feed dose and rate.
- Drained, cleaned and inspected primary clarifier #2 and the chlorine contact chamber.
- Replaced sludge pump #1 with a new energy efficient unit.
- Downloaded data from all flow meters and chart recorders to updated flow spreadsheets.
- Replaced a corroded secondary aeration blower discharge pipe and filter housing.
- Tested and cleaned the hydraulic emergency bypass pump.
- Troubleshooted the secondary scum sprayer pump clearing a clogged pipe and cleaning the foot valve.
- Relocated the shower/eyewash in the disinfection area.
- Moved approximately 200 tons of dried sludge from the solar drying beds to the sludge storage containment area in preparation for the annual haul off.
- Installed a new water heater in the administration building.
- Began pilot testing a new HACH total chlorine analyzer anticipating the replacement of the plants aged units.