



City of Morro Bay
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Morro Bay City Council* will be holding a **Special Meeting** on **Monday, November 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** to be held in the Veterans Memorial Building located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California. The City Council* will be discussing the following Unfinished Business Item:

- **Ending the Declaration of a Water Emergency for the State Water Shutdown and Repeal of the Mandatory Conservation Requirements.**

The City Council* will convene to its Joint meeting with the City Planning Commission.

DATED: November 24, 2009

Bridgett Bauer, City Clerk

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***Councilmember Smukler will be communicating by teleconference from the following location: 702 Fickle Hill Road, Arcata, CA 95521**



AGENDA NO: 1

MEETING DATE: November 30, 2009

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council **DATE:** November 23, 2009

FROM: Bruce Ambo, Public Services Director
Dylan Wade, Utilities/Capital Projects Manager

SUBJECT: Ending the Declaration of a Water Emergency for the State Water Shutdown and Repeal of the Mandatory Conservation Requirement

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council repeal Resolution No. 50-09 declaring a water emergency during the State Water Project annual maintenance shutdown and instituting mandatory conservation requirements.

MOTION: I move that the City Council repeal Resolution No. 50-09 declaring a water emergency during the State Water Project annual maintenance shutdown and instituting mandatory conservation requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be an increase in both the water and sewer fees collected as a result of the increased demand. There should be no direct impact to the General Fund apart from payment for water and sewer services used.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Morro Bay has four main sources of water supply. Water sources include the State Water Project, Chorro groundwater, Morro groundwater, and a Desalination Plant. The State water Project undergoes an annual maintenance shutdown. During this time the primary water supply source for the City of Morro Bay is unavailable. Contamination with nitrates of our other water resources by agricultural activities in both the Morro and Chorro groundwater basins have further impacted our water supplies. During the State Water shutdown it is necessary to blend our other sources of water to reduce nitrate levels in the distribution system. When blending high nitrate sources, having a reduction in demands helps to keep high nitrate sources of water offline which in turn keeps system nitrate levels at an acceptable level. In order to reduce water demands during this critical water supply period the Council enacted Mandatory Water Conservation Requirements.

Prepared By: _____ Dept Review: _____
City Manager Review: _____
City Attorney Review: _____

Mandatory Water Conservation Requirements

Municipal Code Section 13.04.345 sets for the “Mandatory Water Conservation Requirements” with varying levels of water supply emergency or severity that is tied to increasing degrees of mandatory conservation ranging from: Level A) Normal Water Supply Conditions to level E) Emergency Water Supply Conditions. Details of how these restrictions should be regulated by Public Works (Services) Director are specified in Section 13.04.340 of the Municipal Code in Attachment 2. During its September 28th meeting the City Council elected to implement Level D) Critical Water Supply Conditions.

DISCUSSION:

The water supply emergency has passed because normal State Water deliveries have been resumed. Blending and use of high nitrate sources is no longer necessary to meet community water demands, therefore the mandatory conservation efforts should be rescinded.

CONCLUSION:

Repeal Resolution No. 50-09 declaring a water emergency during the State Water Project shutdown.