



CITY OF MORRO BAY

HARBOR DEPARTMENT

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Newsflash - Dredging - 2017

As you may be aware, there is a lot of activity going on in and around our harbor. The Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fulfills Morro Bay's dredging needs. These critical dredging projects, which keep our harbor safe and navigable, are wholly dependent on Congressional funding and could not be undertaken by the City of Morro Bay alone due to the multi-million dollar costs.

Some facts and other information:

- Approximately 280,000 cubic yards of clean sand and gravel accumulated in our harbor channels is being pumped to EPA-approved placement areas in the surf zone on Morro Strand State Beach and offshore of the Sandspit.
- This dredged material has been through a thorough suite of testing and review by several regulatory agencies and deemed suitable for placement on the beach for "beach nourishment."
- The current \$4.37M project will be ongoing through the end of March.
- The Army Corps of Engineers' dredge ship *Yaquina* will be here in May to complete another \$3M of dredging our harbor entrance.
- The prime contractor, Ahtna Design-Build, and its subcontractors have 15+ employees in Morro bay at any given time. These employees and their families use local hotels, restaurants and businesses, adding an additional benefit to our local economy.
- Dredge operations are scheduled 24 hours per day to maximize efficiency and minimize overall dredging time.
- Although noise control measures have been implemented to minimize disturbances during this work, we ask for everyone's patience during this time. Dredge operations are scheduled to work 24 hours a day.

The short-term inconveniences are outweighed by the long term benefits this dredging brings to our community. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and appreciate the patience and support from the community as the boating channel is dredged.

