

## New Study Released on Offshore Wind Farm

By Neil Farrell

The federal agency that oversees the development of offshore wind energy has released an environmental report and is seeking public comments.

The Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management or BOEM is seeking comments on its Environmental Analysis (EA), done under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), concerning the plans to install hundreds of floating wind turbines in a 396-square mile (240,898 acres) patch of ocean, providing some 3 gigawatts (GW) of energy.

BOEM is working towards an auction of leases for the so-called “Morro Bay Wind Energy Area,” sited 17-20 miles offshore from San Simeon. A similar lease sale held on the East Coast recently brought in over \$1 billion.

This is all part of the Biden Administration’s pledge to tap offshore wind energy setting a goal of developing 30 GW of energy capacity by 2030.

“The WEA,” reads a news release from BOEM, “was designated after extensive collaboration with other Federal agencies and the State of California, as well as engagement with ocean users, Tribes, local communities and the public. Designation of the Morro Bay WEA underscores BOEM’s commitment to an all-of-government approach to achieve the Administration’s ambitious offshore wind energy goals while conserving and restoring ocean and coastal habitats.”

The Draft EA looks at potential environmental impacts and socioeconomic effects from issuing the leases “and related site characterization and assessment activities within the Morro Bay WEA. Site characterization activities include geophysical, geotechnical, archaeological and biological surveys needed to develop specific project proposals on those potential leases,” BOEM said. “Site assessment activities could include installation and operation of meteorological buoys in the Morro Bay WEA.”

## Petition Drive Started After Two Fatal Crashes

By Neil Farrell

A Morro Bay man is launching a petition drive to see if something can be done to make a worrisome segment of Hwy 1 safer, this after two fatal accidents inside of two months.

Gary Stoner has lived on San Luisito Creek Road off Hwy 1 for the past 15 years with his wife Terry. She and her family, the Perrys, have been there for generations.

Stoner explained that his father-in-law, the late-George Perry, lived his whole life there. “He was born and died in the same house,” Stoner says, sitting in the living room of their home.

The mostly dirt road, runs far back into the hills from Hwy 1 and there are homesteads sprinkled about, with the majority of homes on Adobe Road, which runs parallel to the highway.

Stoner’s brother-in-law, Jerry Perry, who also grew up on the road, was tragically killed last New Year’s Eve, while turning left, from the southbound lanes, across traffic onto San Luisito Creek Road.

His vintage pick-up caught fire after it was hit by another car coming from the opposite direction.

Perry’s truck was broadsided by a Hyundai Sonata driven by Gerardo Aldama, 38 of Santa Maria who slammed on his brakes but was unable to avoid the crash, according to CHP reports. The collision pushed Perry’s truck about 80 feet into shrubbery and it caught fire. Aldama was reportedly unhurt in the crash.

The loss was terrible for their family coming not long after George’s death, and their safety concerns doubled on Feb. 26, when another fatal accident happened at the same unregulated left turn involving three cars this time.

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BOEM’s Pacific Office Regional Director, Doug Boren, said, “Public input on our environmental analysis and identified measures to avoid or reduce potential impacts from leasing activities is an important part of our process under the National Environmental Policy Act. BOEM will analyze and consider all comments before we finalize our analysis.”

The news release kicked off a 30-day window for public comments, which ends at 9 p.m. Friday, May 6. The draft EA, instructions on how to submit comments, and information on public meetings can be found online at: [www.boem.gov/morro-bay](http://www.boem.gov/morro-bay).

Submit a comment online at: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), Docket No. BOEM-2021-0044. Or mail comments to: Morro Bay Wind Energy Area Environmental Assessment, Office of the Environment, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 760 Paseo, Camarillo, CA 93010.

But commenting on the EA is just another step in this now, 10-plus year bureaucratic hurdles race. “Before approving the construction of any offshore wind energy facility on a potential future lease in the Morro Bay WEA,”

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## A Look Back at Two Events Back Better than Ever in 2022

By Judy Salamacha

Deadlines! Time for me to escape and refresh. But life goes on in the Estero Bay. Back and better than ever in Morro Bay are the Cruisin’ Morro Bay Car Show on May 5-8 followed by the Morro Bay City-Wide Yard Sale, May 14-15. I hate to miss a deadline, so enjoy a look back to my “By the Bay” columns on the history and updates of these two events. I have a treasure trove of history for my readers!!

Modified “Cruisin’ Morro Bay Car Show” circa 2010:

Ron McIntosh (who we lost in 2014) and Steve Carnes (now the chairman of the planning group) were good friends with several common interests. They live and own businesses in Morro Bay, wanted community businesses to thrive and both loved tinkering with classic cars. They’d also served on committees and advisory boards intent to solve Morro Bay’s various issues.

Since 1994 they had met weekly for coffee at Dorn’s Original Breakers and often brainstormed their favorite idea—bring lots of visitors who owned classic cars to Morro Bay and let them display for several days. Thus, the friends birthed the Cruisin’ Morro Bay Car Show in 1993 although it was 1997 before they put the first 125 cars on the streets.

McIntosh and Carnes were both Morro Bay Rotary and Chamber members. Morro Bay architect (and artist) Don Doubledee was the Rotary president. They knew he was looking for a new fundraiser. He and another friend, Dave Tope, a Chamber member, liked the idea and convinced their organizations a car show could work for the betterment of the community and the financial benefit of their organizations. The fledgling committee dubbed Doubledee chairman and added Ken Vesterfelt, Dan Dorris, and Chris Parker. Their hardest task was to convince the City of Morro Bay, especially the police department, it should close

## City Dealing With 10,000-Gallon Sewage Spill

Story and photos by Neil Farrell



A bypass system has been sent up by Pacific Petroleum consisting of two 20,000-gallon tanks and tanker trucks to deal with a broken sewer line that runs underneath Hwy 1.

The new Morro Bay Public Works Management team had its first calamity to address when a sewer pipe running under Hwy 1 burst and flowed down a storm drain into a catch basin in The Cloisters neighborhood.

The spill was detected on the morning of Monday, April 11 during a routine sight inspection of the City’s lift station located along a bike path in an 8-acre undeveloped open space section of The Cloisters.

Public Works Director, Greg Kwolek told Estero Bay News that they are unsure exactly when the leak occurred, but it was first detected by the City’s Utility Division crew.

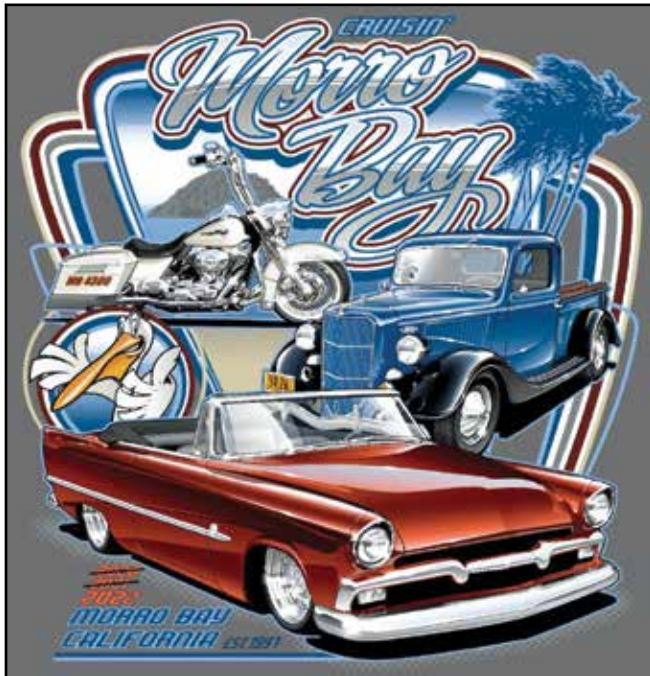
“We don’t know when this occurred,” Kwolek said, adding that the crew inspects the lift station every Monday and Thursday. “They did not see this on Thursday [April 7] but did see it on Monday. We believe it happened sometime between Thursday and Monday.”

What the utilities workers found was sewage pooled in one of Caltrans’ Hwy 1 storm drain outflows. The area of the Cloisters where the spill was discovered has several large storm drains coming off the highway and emptying into constructed drainage channels.

It’s part of an overall drainage scheme built into the 120-home subdivision, using a natural filtering system that includes a small pond ringed with aquatic plants like willows and reeds with an overflow channel that leads to the beach.

The idea is to capture the storm runoff and have it

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The Cruisin’ Morro Bay Car Show returns on May 5-8. Photo submitted

down significant streets for a weekend and allow the classics to parade loudly and consume all parking.

All proceeds would benefit those that volunteered to work the car show and the committee selected Morro Bay Rotary, the Chamber, and Police Explorers, as the beneficiaries of the annual event typically the first weekend each year in May. The anticipated 500 plus Cruisin’ Morro

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## Clean Energy at Los Osos Shopping Center

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

King Energy is the newest tenant in the largest shopping plaza is Los Osos, but they might be a little difficult to find because they are on the roof. The company rents rooftops to build solar installations and pays owners a monthly fee based on the market value.

“We pay the property owner to use the roof space for the program,” said Brian Clausen, King Energy chief revenue officer. “We then pay all of the costs of the solar program and manage the program over its lifetime. We have a software application that manages the distribution of energy from the program across the participating businesses in the shopping center. Our software provides a simple, monthly bill for each business that shows them how much energy they use from the solar program and how much they use from the power grid.”

Construction of the project at the Los Osos Shopping Center on Los Osos Valley Road began in late August and went live in late March. The 582 solar panels, approximately 40,000 square feet of roof space, are not visible from the street. The center is home to Grocery Outlet, Rite Aide, Miner’s Hardware, Dollar Tree, Volumes of Pleasure Bookeshoppe and Carlock’s Bakery among others.

“The energy from the program is available to all businesses in the shopping center, whether they are located in the main building or the satellite buildings,” Clausen said. “All buildings benefit from the program, but the panels are physically located on the roof of the main building. Because the program just launched, not all businesses in the center have enrolled yet, however, it is available to all of them. In all cases, the energy cost to the participating business is lower than the cost of energy from the power grid.”

Businesses are not required to sign long-term agreements to use the solar energy. They can exit the program if they want to opt-out or if they move out of the center.

Clausen said the typical savings for local businesses is 10%. The program generates 400,000 kWh of clean energy a year. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, that is equivalent to about CO2 emissions from 313 pounds of coal burned or the carbon kept from entering Earth’s atmosphere from more than 4,600 seedling trees grown over the span of 10 years.

### How it Works

- Property owners benefit because King Energy pays rent to use open roof space.
- Local businesses benefit by paying less for energy.
- King Energy benefits by being paid for the energy generated by the solar program.

“Over time,” Clausen said, “the proceeds we bring in for the energy that is generated is used to pay rent, to maintain the program, to pay for program financing and (over the long run) to create positive cash flows for us. Although the businesses are paying us less than they would pay the utility, it is enough for us to pay rent, pay for



Solar panels installed at the Los Osos Shopping Center by King Energy. The company turns rooftops at shopping centers, office buildings and industrial parks into solar energy producers. Photo submitted



A view of the 582 solar panels installed at the Los Osos Shopping Center. Photo submitted

program maintenance and insurance and pay our financing partners.”

Locally, King Energy has also completed projects in Arroyo Grande at the Oak Park Plaza and will launch a fourth one later this month in Pismo Beach at the Pismo Coast Plaza. In the coming months, they are slated to complete similar solar installations in Sacramento, Stockton, Bakersfield, Fresno, San Diego, San Francisco and Marin.

Currently the company doesn’t work in the residential arena, but plans to serve multi-tenant residential properties such as apartment buildings in the future.

King Energy is a national company founded in 2020. They currently have 35 employees, several who live in Los Osos, and have offices in and San Luis Obispo and Durango, CO.

For more information, go to [kingenergy.com](http://kingenergy.com).

ment, transportation, trees/landscape and environmental issues in Los Osos. There are four main committees, Land Use, Active Transportation and Circulation, Outreach and Trees & Landscape. LOCAC also has an ad hoc water committee that presents information about water issues. Public members are always welcome to join any committees and attend general meetings.

Current issues and future projects pass through the eyes of LOCAC who then advise County decisionmakers about how to move forward. While LOCAC does not have enforcement capacity nor makes final decisions, their power is in their influence, their voice, their advocacy and most importantly as representatives of all Los Osos residents.

During the meeting learn about the future dog park, bike paths, bike safety for youth, water sustainability, senior services, food pantry and more. Kids will get to make some awesome crafts, check out the fire truck, get bikes checked, while adults can peruse the various organizations, share their thoughts and learn about resources available in Osos.

Water is of the utmost importance when it comes to the future of Los Osos. The Basin Management Committee will give a presentation about water levels, and sustainability. There will be a Q and A afterwards.

LOCAC’s Active Transportation and circulation committee, who has been advocating for safe pedestrian and bike paths on LOVR, will share project ideas and survey the community to see what’s important to them.

BikeSLO will do helmet checks and engage kiddos in bike safety. SLO County Public Health will present their injury prevention program and offer information and resources for the senior community and Cal Fire will be there with their fire trucks and engines to give information about fire safety. The Estero Bay Kindness Coalition will off resources as well as have grocery bags and produce available for families in need. For readers that are somewhat confused about what is and isn’t recyclable, the IWMA will be there with some free bins.

Other participating organizations include: Los Osos CSD, Los Osos Cares, South South Bay Women’s Network, Los Osos Chamber of Commerce, Bay Osos Filipino Association, El Moro Elfin Forest, Morro Coast , and Golden



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## LOCAC Town Hall Meeting May 1

Readers curious about what the Los Osos Community Advisory Council does within the community can find out on Sunday, May 1. LOCAC will host their first Town Hall and Community Gathering in collaboration with more than 15 local organizations and agencies. This is a family friendly event takes place at the Red Barn, at 2180 Palisades Ave., Los Osos from 2-5 p.m. It is free and open to the public with kids’ activities, presentations, opportunities for the community to share what’s important to them

and some giveaways. The purpose is to connect with the community to both share important issues and resources while also listening and learning about what priorities are for the community. Attendees will also have the chance to meet new candidates for LOCAC seats before the May 7 election.

LOCAC is an elected body of 11 members that advises the County Board of Supervisors, Planning Department and Public Works on community affairs, land use, develop-



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LOCAC committees and council members will be available to answer questions and engage the community in some of the work they do. Currently, some of the major affairs LOCAC is addressing include advising whether Acces-sary Dwelling Units such as guest houses, additions, and other developments are in good standing with the county and the Coastal Commission. LOCAC is also advocating for and supporting efforts to maintain the landscape of Class 1 bike/pedestrian path between South Bay Blvd and Baywood Elementary. LOCAC Active transportation and circulation committee is working to find funding to develop a Class I multi use bike/pedestrian path between Palisades and Monarch Grove Elementary. LOCAC was also instrumental in holding discussions to develop guidelines for the Vacation Rental Ordinance in Los Osos.

For more information about the event, go to <https://locac.info>.

A Primer on the June Primary

By Neil Farrell

The June Primary Election is shaping up to be a real dogfight, and a confusing one too, after the redrawing of County Super-visorial Districts coupled with some special elections due to the deaths of elected leaders.

Estero Bay News sent a series of questions to the County Clerk, Elaina Cano, seeking to sort out the con-fusing upcoming election.

**Estero Bay News:** As I understand it, voters in the OLD Dist. 3 (South SLO, Pismo, Grover, Avila) will vote for supervisor using the OLD district boundaries.

**Elaina Cano:** Yes that is correct.

**EBN:** But Dist. 2 voters will be using the NEW dis-trict boundaries, which include San Miguel and Atascadero, and part of Templeton and excludes Morro Bay, SLO and Los Osos?

**EC:** Yes, that is correct.

**EBN:** Also, Dist. 4 will use the NEW district bound-aries and get a 4-year term.



County Clerk Elaina Cano fielded questions about the upcoming June Primary Election.

**EC:** Yes, that is correct.

**EBN:** So Morro Bay and Los Osos WILL NOT vote this year for ANY supervisors, correct?

**EC:** Yes, that is correct.

**EBN:** And since Los Osos has been moved that means Los Osos will not get to vote for supervisor in 2024 either, which would be mid-term for whomever wins this year. So Los Osos will skip TWO straight supervisor elections?

**EC:** No, if voters are currently in District 4, then they will vote for a Supervisor this year 2022. Los Osos is now split between Districts 3 and 5 and those are up for election in 2024.

**EBN:** And whoever wins in Dist. 3 will have to run again in 2024 using the NEW district boundaries, which includes most of SLO and Morro Bay (stretching down Chorro Valley)?

**EC:** Yes, that is correct.

**EBN:** So Morro Bay, Los Osos, (and Oceano?) WILL NOT vote for supervisor this year. And it's all because a judge ruled that Dist. 3 has to use the OLD boundaries because Dawn Ortiz-Legg was appointed, correct?

**EC:** Yes and No. Yes, Morro Bay, Los Osos and Oceano will not vote for a County Supervisor in 2022. No, the judge did not make that decision. The decision to use the "old boundaries" is governed by law so that those that elected the Supervisor in 2020, are the same voters who will have a chance to vote for a Supervisor that will fill the remainder of the term.

Oceano is now split by the District 4/5 boundary. Most of Oceano is now in the 5th District, but a couple precincts are still in the 4th.

**EBN:** Also, if no one gets 50%+1 of the votes, the top 2 vote getters run off in November. If someone does get a majority, there's no run-off election.

**EC:** Yes, that is correct.

**EBN:** It should be noted that the new, Supervisorial District boundaries have been challenged in court by Dem-ocrats, who claim the new map illegally favors Republicans. The court had not yet settled the matter before EBN's deadline, so the potential consequences of a ruling throw-ing out the new map and how that would affect the June Election, is unknown.

Correction

The last paragraph of the story "Rite Aid Takes Over M. B. Drug & Gift" in Vol. 4, Issue 6 was missing information. It should have read, "While people like nurses and even paramedics give people shots all the time, with vaccinations like the COVID-19 ones that Dr. Paul has been administering since shortly after they became available in 2021, only licensed pharmacists are allowed to give shots at pharmacies."

Council Hopeful Holds Meet & Greet

Political newcomer, James Costanzo, who is running for Morro Bay City Council will hold a meet-and-greet campaign event for Morro Bay voters.

Costanzo will be at the Inn at Morro Bay, 60 State Park Rd., from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 23.

A native Upstate New Yorker, Costanzo is from a small town called Canastota, according to a biography he provided. At 17, he fulfilled a dream and moved west to California settling in Morro Bay and has been here ever since.

He was in the trucking industry for 35 years, the bio said, and over the years started three different trucking companies. He bought a tractor-trailer and became an independent trucker and also ran a service truck for other independents, "helping them to comply with state and fed-eral regulations, which were a constant challenge for most drivers," the bio said.

He retired in 2008 and has been a community volun-teer with the San Luis Coastal School District since then. Though he's attended City Council meetings, running for office is entirely new.

"I never thought I would ever run for a political office," Costanzo said. "But over the years, I've witnessed and ob-served far too many questionable decisions by both present and past city councils. I see and hear rumblings of more questionable decisions for the future, decisions that will affect all of us living here in Morro Bay.

"I feel like it's time for me to stop complaining, step up, get directly involved, truly listen to our citizens, hear their wants and needs, and pay close attention to them."

He's singing a familiar tune in politics — more citizen involvement is needed.

"We have some amazing and talented people that live in our town of Morro Bay," Costanzo said. "I want more cit-izens to be directly involved. I want to see more debate and openness at council meetings, so we can all have a better understanding of the issues we face in this town.

"I want to get Morro Bay back on an even keel and back into the hands of the people who call this place home. I will



James Costanzo, who is running for Morro Bay City Council, will hold a meet-and-greet April 23.

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# PG&E Fills In Diablo Closure Panel

Neil Farrell

Pacific Gas & Electric has selected three new members for the citizen committee working on the decommissioning of California's sole operating nuclear power plant, the company announced on April 12.

PG&E said it had appointed Michael Lucas, Robert Pavlik and G. Bruce Severance to the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel and reappointed three members.

"The panel provides community input to PG&E as the company prepares a site-specific plan for the future decommissioning of Diablo Canyon Power Plant and spent fuel management," the company said in a news release.

Of the three new members, Lucas' name should ring familiar to Estero Bay News readers. Lucas is a professor emeritus in architecture at Cal Poly, and has taught design since 1997. He also served some 15 years on the Morro Bay Planning Commission.

Lucas has "developed general education electives in design and the built environment for all majors," the news release said. "His research has focused on the way cultures conceptualize the environment."

Among his professional accomplishments is serving as "associate dean for academic affairs for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at the University of Prešov in the Slovak Republic." Lucas and his family have lived in Morro Bay for over 20 years.

Pavlik is a part-time historian with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, PG&E said.

He was a supervising environmental planner with Caltrans until he retired in 2015, the release said. He also worked for Yosemite National Park Service; served as a member of the City of San Luis Obispo's Cultural Heritage Committee; served with the Bureau of Land Management's Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee,

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help to make this happen.

"It's not happening right now, and that is why I'm running for City Council.

"Morro Bay citizens, you have my ear. Let's get this town back into the hands of the people and back on track."

Costanzo will square off against appointed incumbent Councilwoman Jen Ford to serve out the remaining time on the term of the late Councilman Red Davis, who died in July 2021. Whoever wins in the June Primary Election will not face voters again until November 2024.

The Ford-Costanzo race is the only local issue on the June Primary Ballot for Morro Bay voters.

For more information on Costanzo, see his campaign website at: [jamescostanzomorrobay.com](http://jamescostanzomorrobay.com); email him at: [costanzoforcouncil2022@gmail.com](mailto:costanzoforcouncil2022@gmail.com); or call (805) 610-7508.

and Heritage Shared. He lives in San Luis Obispo with his wife, Rayena.

Severance "is an electric vehicle and green product designer, licensed green builder, home designer and energy analyst. He is also a climate policy advocate, most recently serving as a regulatory compliance engineer for Mitsubishi Electric, a government relations role in both California and Mexico."

In recent years, Severance "contributed to the establishment of Cal Poly's Institute for Climate Leadership and Resilience. Initial projects have focused on repurposing of stranded assets such as the Phillips 66 [refinery] plant in Nipomo."

He lives in Grover Beach and has been in the South SLO County Area for more than 25 years. The three newbies to the panel will start work in May.

Chuck Anders, PG&E's panel facilitator said, "The selection committee praises the quality and qualifications of those who applied, and we thank those who have previously served on the Panel, devoting countless, volunteer hours to this important process."

Created in 2018, the Decommissioning Panel's task is to "foster open and frequent dialogue between members of the local community and PG&E on matters related to DCPD decommissioning. Panelists are local community members from across San Luis Obispo County who were selected to broadly represent diverse community viewpoints. The Panel meets periodically on matters related to DCPD decommissioning and the future use of DCPD lands and facilities."

PG&E is committed to closing down Diablo Canyon, the last remaining nuclear plant in California, in 2024 and 2025, when the licenses for the two reactors expire.

It had been on a path to renew the licenses, but abandoned those plans after the State's commitment to non-fossil fuel burning energy sources that are sustainable and renewable — mainly wind and solar. Also, the State Water Resources Control Board had banned the use of so-called once through cooling systems, i.e. using seawater to cool steam and discharging the heated cooling water into the ocean, which is how Diablo Canyon cools the steam created by a nuclear fission.

Switching the cooling system out at Diablo Canyon proved too costly, especially when coupled with the expense of fighting opposition during what promised to be a contentious Federal re-licensing process.

There have however, been many that have called for Diablo Canyon, which can generate 2,500 megawatts of emissions free power, to remain open until the State replaces what amounts to 10% of the total electrical generation capacity in the entire state.

The decommissioning of the plant is expected to take many years and cost several billion dollars. But the panel's work focuses on what should be done with the plant property's 10,000 acres, which include oak woodlands, coastal mountains, Native American sites, and coastal terraces grazed by cattle. It stretches from the eastern edge of Montana de Oro State Park to Avila Beach.

# New Lease for Local Brew Pub



Three Stacks and a Rock Brewing Company has a new 10-year lease in Morro Bay.

The City of Morro Bay has awarded a new lease to a local brewpub as a means to breath new life into "an important lease site."

The Council on April 22 approved a 10-year lease for Three Stacks and a Rock Brewing Company, LLC, for its continuing remodeling of the old Morro Bay Aquarium lease site, 595 Embarcadero.

The lease goes into effect May 1 and expires April 30, 2032, but extensions are possible with continuing improvements to the site. Initial terms are \$23,900 in rent for the first year and then the "percentage of gross income" clause will kick in.

Three Stacks has only taken over the bottom floor of the old Aquarium, which was owned and operated by Dean and Bertha Tyler for some 50 years. The City essentially ended its relationship with the Tylers in 2013, through a bidding process choosing a proposal by the Central Coast Aquarium in Avila Beach to build a new, modern aquarium over the Tyler's proposal.

When the Aquarium's lease expired and it closed up in October 2018, the building sat empty until an agreement was reached with Three Stacks in August 2019 that would move their popular North Morro Bay pub to the Embarcadero.

The initial agreement was for a year but had to be extended a couple of times due to delays caused by the City and the pandemic. Meanwhile, as work has progressed over the past year or so, the two sides have been working on a longer-term agreement, which the City Council reviewed and approved in closed session.

"Three Stacks," reads a staff report from the harbor director, "occupies only the downstairs spaces of the former aquarium building, and over the past three years has made significant and very costly tenant improvements to those spaces to accommodate their operation, as well as significant and much-needed building improvements.

"In addition, the City caused the completion of several improvements to prepare the building for occupation, including installation of a seismic shear wall; removal of the old aquariums [fish tanks] in the building's interior; removal of the cage structure over the old outdoor seal tanks and replacement of a major section of the building's sewer lateral."

The CCA's 2013 proposal for a new aquarium caused



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- Travis & Jen Ford



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# News Briefs

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

## Libraries Closed April 22-23



All Black Gold Cooperative Library System libraries, including County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries, will be closed Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23, for a catalog operating system update.

Online browsing, accounts, and holds will be unavailable Thursday, April 21, through Monday, April 25. All Black Gold libraries will be offline during this time. EBooks, audiobooks, and other downloadable items will still be available.

While the update won't change the overall look of the catalog, it will change patron library account passwords. Patrons can reset their passwords at any time online or ask for assistance from library staff.

County of SLO Public Libraries will leave the Black Gold Cooperative July 1. Patrons who have a library card that begins with 22063 will not need a new card to use County of SLO Public Libraries. Patrons who have cards that begin with a different prefix are invited to sign up for a SLO Libraries card at any time.

## Dig Safely

April is National Safe Digging Month and PG&E reminds people to practice safety. Underground utility lines can be shallow, sometimes only a few inches below the surface, due to erosion, previous digging projects, shifting or settling of the ground and uneven surfaces. And damaging an underground utility line is dangerous and can leave customers responsible for repair costs averaging \$3,500 and up. Calling 811 is free and easy, and professional utility workers will respond within two business days to mark the location of underground utility lines for your project site.

During 2021, 811 was not called in advance in 89 percent of incidents when homeowners damaged an underground utility line while digging.

### Safe digging tips

- Mark project area in white: Identify the digging location by drawing a box around the area using white paint, white stakes, white flags, white chalk or even white baking flour.
- Call 811 or submit an online request a minimum of two working days before digging: Be prepared to provide the address and general location of the project, project start date and type of digging activity. PG&E and other utilities will identify underground facilities in the area for free. Requests can be submitted a maximum of 14 days prior to the start of the project.
- Dig safely: Use hand tools when digging within 24 inches of the outside edge of underground lines. Leave utility flags, stakes or paint marks in place until the project is finished. Backfill and compact the soil.
- Be aware of signs of a natural gas leak: Smell for a "rotten egg" odor, listen for hissing, whistling or roaring sounds and look for dirt spraying into the air, bubbling in a pond or creek and dead/dying vegetation in an otherwise moist area.

## Poly in Student Research Competition

Ten student research projects from Cal Poly have been selected to represent the university at the annual California State University (CSU) systemwide competition April 29-30.

The delegates were chosen from 39 projects involving 57 Cal Poly undergraduate students, graduate students and recent alumni. Cal Poly's Academic Senate Grants Review Committee Selected the 10 projects to move forward at the university's internal competition.

San Francisco State University will host the 36th annual CSU Student Research Competition in a virtual format. The systemwide competition will showcase the innovative research and creative activities of undergraduate and graduate students and Students will present their work through a prerecorded video and participate in a live virtual Q&A with a jury and an audience. Students will compete by discipline category and, where feasible, by undergraduate/graduate level.

"I'm excited that these students and recent alums will have the opportunity to participate at the systemwide event and share their important research with the faculty, staff and students from across the CSU," said Jane Lehr, director of Cal

Poly's Office of Student Research. "Each year, our students consistently show the strength of their research, scholarship and creative activity. They are excellent representatives for Cal Poly.

"Cal Poly student research answers real-world questions and contributes to solutions to problems that face the Central Coast, California, the U.S. and the world."

## Get Vaccinated for Free in Cambria

Readers can get free vaccines at the Cambria Community Healthcare District, 2535 Main Street, on Friday, April 22 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Free flu and COVID-19 shots are available for ages 5 and up. Pfizer vaccines are first, second, and booster doses for ages 12 and up and first and second doses for ages 5-11. Moderna are first, second, and booster doses for ages 18 and up.

For second and booster doses, bring your vaccine record card (if possible). Every dose of COVID-19 vaccine gets a free stainless steel water bottle! Kids ages 5-11 have the choice of a stuffed animal instead. This is a while supplies last event. No appointment or insurance are necessary.

For more information, reach out to MobileVaccine@co.slo.ca.us or call (805) 781-5500.

## Addis Earns Endorsements From Superintendents

San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. James Brescia and Santa Cruz Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris Sabbah, announced their endorsement of Dawn Addis for State Assembly.

"As a classroom teacher, mom, and local city councilmember it is a true honor to have the endorsements of top education leaders," Addis said in a statement. "I look forward to working for California's children and families."

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a stir in town, as the old Aquarium, long the focus of critics, was winding down operations. But then the Ccoronavirus pandemic hit.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Harbor Director Eric Endersby's report said, "in 2020 CCA suspended operations of their facility in Avila, and ceased working on the Morro Bay project, thus their agreement with the City for that project has been, in essence, terminated by mutual agreement."

Highlights of the new lease agreement include acknowledging the tenant improvements at the site:

- Remodeling of the old aquarium tank room to accom-

modate beer brewing and a small kitchen;

- Addition of two restrooms and remodeling the front retail space to accommodate guest service;
- Building a guest seating area deck over the outdoor seal tanks;
- Installing all-new under-foundation plumbing to all areas of the building
- Installing nearly all-new electrical service from the PG&E panel forward;
- Installing an automatic fire sprinkler system, which can be expanded to the upstairs areas in the future;

- Restoration of all ground level floors, walls, windows and ceilings to accommodate the new use;
- ADA accessibility to the building entrance and serving room, new restrooms and outdoor serving deck via an electric lift; and,
- Installation of various trade fixtures and decorations, which include artifacts from the old Morro Bay Aquarium in a nod to the building's important history.

The 10-year lease has the option for "a long-term ground lease at the 5-year mark based on tenant's further re-development proposal for the site," reads Endersby's report.



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By Theresa-Marie Wilson

New Art Gallery to Open in Cambria



Artist Ned Evans

A new contemporary fine art gallery is coming to Main Street Cambria. The Cruise Control gallery and community art space is debuting with a solo show by artist Ned Evans on Saturday April 30 from 3-6 p.m. Partly a retrospective, the show covers more than 30 years of the artist and surfer's prolific career.

The gallery is a direct result of a local rural mail carrier's experience driving along the Central Coast and the many artists encountered along the way.

Cruise Control Cambria has open doors every Friday across from the Farmers Market at 1075 Main Street and is available for private viewing appointments. The show runs until mid June, but drive by all year or go to [cruisecontrolcambria.com](http://cruisecontrolcambria.com) to see what varied and eclectic fine art programming will make its way here from all over coastal California. Pictured: Ned Evans in his studio

Live Oak Music Hires Rock Harbor Marketing



Travis Ford with his daughter, Aislyn, and wife, Jenn.

Morro Bay's Rock Harbor Marketing (RHM) has added KCBX's Live Oak Music Festival to its growing list of clients. Live Oak, which launched 33 years ago, is the largest annual fundraiser for KCBXfm Central Coast Public Radio. The festival spans more than three days each June. In 2019 Live Oak Music Festival relocated from Santa Barbara County to El Chorro Regional Park, with tremendous success, before going virtual during the pandemic.

"It is a tremendous honor to have been selected to represent a name like Live Oak Music Festival," said Travis Ford, Rock Harbor Marketing president. "With the world pushing pause on events like Live Oak for the past few years, musicians and festival-goers around the world have been eager to get their dancing shoes back on. The opportunity to represent KCBX's biggest fundraising event of the year gives us the rare opportunity to fuel two passions of ours... supporting public radio and celebrating great music with fans from far and wide."

KCBX is a cultural resource that exists to enlighten and enrich the quality of life for listeners and users, especially on the Central Coast of California. KCBX strives to serve listeners and users with interests in news, public affairs, and alternative musical arts and will encourage an interest in and appreciation of fine arts and local, national, and global issues. As an NPR station, KCBX puts our community in touch with the world.

Learn more about Live Oak Music Festival by visiting [liveoakfest.org](http://liveoakfest.org).

For more information about Rock Harbor Marketing, go to [rockharbormarketing.com](http://rockharbormarketing.com).

'Share the Hope' Raises Big Funds



The French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) Foundation's 13th annual "Share the Hope" event, held earlier this month at Hearst Ranch resulted in \$460,000 to benefit the Hearst Cancer Resource Center (HCRC) Endowment.

The endowment provides vital long term support for French Hospital's HCRC, allowing its programs and services to continue providing comfort, support, and information to cancer patients and their families, all at no charge, for many years to come. Thanks to generous donor support and funds raised by "Share the Hope," all HCRC programs and services are offered to cancer patients and their families at no charge.

More than 160 guests were treated to a champagne reception at the historic Hearst Ranch Senator's House followed by a gourmet dinner at Hearst Ranch Dairy Barn featuring an exciting live auction and live music. Over the past 13 years, "Share the Hope" has raised more than \$4 million to benefit HCRC programs and services.

"The incredible generosity of the many donors who contributed to this event is overwhelming," says French Hospital Medical Center President & CEO Alan Iftiniuk. "We are deeply honored for the opportunity to offer such essential resources to educate and assist cancer patients and their families."

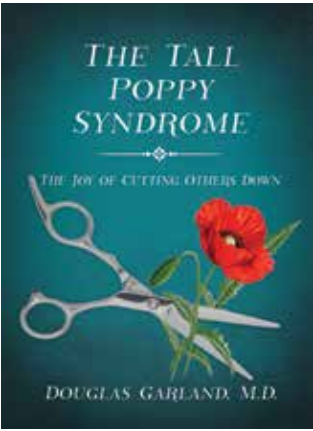
The HCRC collaborates with community and physician partners to provide supportive and educational services necessary for cancer patients to understand their disease, manage treatment, and maintain dignity and quality of life throughout all aspects of their cancer experience.

To donate to the HCRC and support local cancer patients, please visit [www.supportfrenchhospital.org/hcrc](http://www.supportfrenchhospital.org/hcrc).

Events and Activities

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Coalesce Bookstore is holding a book-signing with Doug Garland on April 23 from 1-3 p.m. at the store, 845 Main Street, Morro Bay. In "The Tall Poppy Syndrome: The Joy of Cutting Others Down," Garland explores in-depth the little-known human condition known as Tall Poppy Syndrome ("TPS"). TPS is the tendency of cutting people down due to their "success, talent or status."



Garland once posited envy as the main cause of TPS, but as America experiences a large increase in anger, often driven by politics, he argues that anger may be the primary cause.

Garland takes a deep dive into the history of TPS, using important figures who have been "cut down" in world history as examples, and analyzes how issues such as bullying and schadenfreude can stem from this phenomenon.

Don't miss the premier of the movie Playing in Unison at the PAC on Saturday, April 23. Festivities begin at 6:30. "Playing in Unison" is a documentary about the Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo. Playing in Unison was filmed over the course of 3 years, beginning in September of 2018, and finishing in January 2022. It is the story of a university, city hall, and a group of dedicated supporters working for years, collaborating and gathering funds. The story of a pre-opening celebration that lasted until the early morning hours. The story of concerts and graduations and youth programs that raised the level of the arts throughout the county. And the story of a global pandemic that forced it to close its doors only to reopen as a COVID-19 testing center.

The event begins with a pre-reception on the plaza and in the lower lobby, followed by the screening of the film and additional surprises. The event is free with a reservation found at [fpacso.org/attend/events](http://fpacso.org/attend/events).

Central Coast Women for Fisheries will hold its annual Albacore Enchilada Fundraiser on Saturday April 30 at the Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way.

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## WWII History Exhibit and Events



The history of World War II will be commemorated at several events in the county.

California State Parks and the Central Coast State Parks Association have teamed up with the Historical Society of Morro Bay, the Morro Bay Maritime Museum, and the History Center of San Luis Obispo County to produce an event focused on WWII history in Morro Bay.

A new exhibit opening at the Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History examines the impact of World War II on the Central Coast and especially on the San Luis Obispo Coast District of California State Parks. The show, sponsored by the Central Coast State Parks Association, launches April 27 and remains on display through summer 2022.

WWII was a global event that impacted the Central Coast in a myriad of ways from the influx of soldiers who trained at Camp San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay, to the expulsion of residents of Japanese descent from their area homes, to the gripping fear of a potential attack that initiated coastal “black outs.”

“WWII and the Central Coast” explores the history through exhibit panels, audio recordings, and tactile displays that engage visitors in the experience of the war,

especially within our local state parks. Montaña de Oro and Morro Bay, and Morro Strand State Beach all served as training grounds for soldiers who practiced amphibious landings before going on to fight in Europe and Japan.

The 54th Regiment, an all-Black Coast Artillery Regiment, was headquartered at Morro Bay State Park where they guarded the coastline from potential attack while facing discrimination in a segregated military.

Residents of Japanese descent who farmed the coastal terraces of present-day Montaña de Oro State Park were forcibly removed from their homes and sent to internment camps following Franklin Delano Roosevelt's issuing of Executive Order No. 9066.

The crew of the torpedoed SS Montebello escaped the sinking ship by coming ashore near present-day Estero Bluffs and Harmony Headlands State Parks. By examining the events of WWII that took place at our local state parks, the display endeavors to broaden historical perspectives and bring to light some of the lesser-known stories of this period of local and international turmoil.

The exhibit launch celebration is Wednesday, April 27, from 5-8 p.m. at the Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History. The Central Coast State Parks Associa-

tion will provide appetizers and refreshments for visitors who will be able to tour the new exhibit and learn about local history from state parks interpreter staff beginning at 5 p.m. From 5:30-6:45 p.m., presenters Stuart McDowell (author, "Sinking of the SS Montebello") and Cal Poly history department lecturer Dr. Margaret Bodemer will put the dramatic events of WWII on the Central Coast into perspective.

McDowell will examine the story of the SS Montebello, an oil tanker sunk off the coast of Cambria by a Japanese submarine only two weeks after Pearl Harbor.

Dr. Margaret Bodemer will explore how a more inclusive engagement with history produces a fuller picture of the past and re-inscribes the contributions of many diverse people and groups, such as the African American soldiers stationed on the Central Coast.

This event is part of “WWII Commemoration Week,” a weeklong series of events commemorating the impact of WWII on the Central Coast, presented by the History Center of San Luis Obispo County. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, contact Amy Hart at [amy.hart@parks.ca.gov](mailto:amy.hart@parks.ca.gov) or call (805) 471-2049.

The History Center of SLO County has more events throughout “World War II Commemoration Week,” which runs April 24 – May 1. A series of free public events begin

on Sunday afternoon, April 24, with a walking tour of downtown San Luis Obispo. Each day thereafter, through the following Sunday, will be marked by walking tours, film screenings, lectures, exhibit launches, and panels that reveal the untold stories and unsung heroes of that critical period in our county's history.

“The intent of World War II Commemoration Week is to honor and give tribute to all those who served our nation’s struggle against our common enemy of the Third Reich and Japanese Imperialism,” said John Ashbaugh, History Center educational outreach committee chair. “As we mobilized for war in the spring of 1942, people of the Central Coast were justifiably terrified of the power of our enemies, and that military threat had been brought directly to our shores as we rescued the crew of the SS Montebello from the rocky shores of the North Coast. History now records that World War II ended not only with military victory, but with the establishment of institutions that fostered a peaceful world order committed to human rights, democracy, and respect for national sovereignty and the common aspirations of humanity.”

The awards luncheon, the “centerpiece” of the Commemoration Week takes place on Saturday, April 30 – the one event for which tickets must be purchased.

The luncheon recognizes individuals and organizations whose contributions to local history are significant. The History Center will present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Dan and Elizabeth Krieger, co-authors of *War Comes to the Middle Kingdom* (with Stan Harth). Awards will also go to Joan Sullivan for her artistic contributions to local history; to Volunteers of the Year Dave Hannings and Debbie Collins; and to the Salinan Tribal Council for their work recording the cultural contributions of this indigenous people to our region. The Royal Gardens Swing Orchestra and Tom Villa will perform a program of popular music during the war years. They will also use that occasion to note with deep sorrow the 80th Anniversary of the expulsion of our Japanese American neighbors from the county in 1942.

Tickets are \$75 - \$95. Dan and Liz will sign copies of their book, also available at a discounted price at all WW-2CW events.

Other events include walking tours, film screenings, lectures and discussions. A full schedule of events can be found at [historycenterslo.org/commemoration](http://historycenterslo.org/commemoration). All events except the awards luncheon are free, however those planning to attend should go online at [www.historycenterslo.org/commemoration](http://www.historycenterslo.org/commemoration) to register.

"We hope that all our citizens, throughout the county, will take time to reflect upon the brave men and women who endured enormous sacrifices of their property, their liberty, and in many cases their lives to achieve victory in World War II and kindle the hopes for a lasting peace," Ashbaugh said.



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Police Blotter



- **April 10:** Police contacted a suspicious dude at 7 p.m. in the 900 block of Piney Way. The 37-year-old mope was nabbed for suspicion of being high on dope and for paraphernalia in his pantaloons. He checked into the County B&B.
- **April 10:** Yet another model citizen, 52, encountered Johnny Law at 2 a.m. at Morro Bay Blvd. and Napa. The hoot owl was cited for allegedly being smashed on drugs and having paraphernalia and released to no doubt go call his dealer and re-up his stash.
- **April 9:** At 7:18 p.m. in the 300 block of Main officers encountered an apparently curious fellow pushing a shopping cart down the street. The fiendish criminal mastermind, 37, was cited for alleged theft of a shopping cart and littering.
- **April 9:** A care facility on Teresa Drive notified police at 6:23 p.m. of a patient that had died. Police responded to document the loss.
- **April 8:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 9:49 p.m. in the 1600 block of Main. The 42-year-old driver was nicked for suspicion of driving on a toot. He was taken to French Hospital to give a blood sample and then booked into the drunk tank.
- **April 8:** Someone found something somewhere in the 600 block of Quintana. And that's the sum of this big-to-do.
- **April 7:** Police were called about a trespasser at 9:49 p.m. at Albertson's Market. A 29-year-old squit was reportedly arrested for suspicion of trespassing.
- **April 6:** A 51-year-old skipper was contacted at 11 p.m. at Main and Beach. He's trapped on the bench-warrant carousel and was given a new ticket to ride.
- **April 6:** Police responded to a reported assault at 9:45

- p.m. in the 1200 block of Morro. Logs indicated a man and woman were having a row and both gave conflicting stories as to what happened.
- **April 6:** Police contacted another regular boy scout at 9:22 p.m. in the 300 block of Quintana. The apparent bail jumper, 37, had a warrant, was given another disappearance ticket and released.
  - **April 6:** Police responded at 6:30 p.m. to a reported assault in the 800 block of Pacific. Logs indicated a 36-year-old woman was arrested for suspicion of elder abuse.
  - **April 6:** Police contacted a suspicious fellow, 29, at 2:37 p.m. in the 900 block of Piney Way. He had just one warrant but yet the arch-criminal was apparently dragged to the gaol.
  - **April 6:** Police responded to a disturbance at 10:30 a.m. somewhere on Park Street. A 25-year-old rabble-rouser was nicked for being a carouser in public.
  - **April 5:** At 8 p.m. police stopped a suspicious vehicle in the first block of State Park Road. The driver, 68, was arrested for suspicion of recklessly driving honked.
  - **April 4:** Police contacted yet another gambler at 11:09 p.m. at Monterey and the Boulevard. The joker, 55, had one warrant, so police raised him one citation, and in a month or so he'll call with another FTA, and the cards will continue to be dealt.
  - **April 4:** Police contacted another suspicious fellow at 9:43 p.m. at Allesandro and Kings. The 51-year-old hombre had a warrant and was cited and released onto the mean streets again.
  - **April 4:** Police contacted a raucous fellow at 5 p.m. in the 200 block of Surf. Logs indicated the apparent fruit loop dingus, 49, was busted for suspicion of being drunk and disorderly in public, with a bench warrant, too.
  - **April 4:** Someone reported losing his or her, their, them, they or whatever, wallet that contained ID cards.
  - **April 4:** Some scoundrel vandalized an innocent car parked in the 200 block of Harbor.
  - **April 3:** Police contacted two suspicious men, 29 and 45 at 8:06 p.m. in the 700 block of Morro Bay Blvd. The lads were apparently a tad off kilter allegedly due to illegal substance abuse and one was in possession of paraphernalia, which landed them both in the hoosegow.
  - **April 3:** A 21-year-old woman told police that she'd been battered earlier today. Police were asked to document the foul deed for when it happens again.
  - **April 3:** Someone turned in a purse they'd found in the 500 block of Atascadero Rd., after it fell off the roof of a car, misplaced and forgotten by a forgetful driver.
  - **April 2:** Police responded to a disturbance at 5:43 p.m. at Coleman Park. A 55-year-old fellow was taken for a 72-hour timeout with the County.
  - **April 2:** At 3 a.m. police tried to pull over a suspicious vehicle, which reportedly failed to yield until he reached the intersection of Chaney and Ocean in Cayucos, according to logs. A 39-year-old man was nicked for suspicion of driving skulled and hauled peaceably to the dungeon.
  - **April 1:** Police contacted a regular customer at 11:41

- p.m. in the 900 block of Piney Way. The scofflaw, 52, had two bench warrants, and no doubt thought he'd go to jail, but was handed a future third and told "April Fools'!"
- **April 1:** Police towed away a bothersome car parked in the 300 block of Atascadero Rd. for parking in the wrong place, and for no doubt too long.
  - **March 30:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 11 p.m. at Beach and Market. The driver, 25, was cited for a suspended license, a hanging offense in these parts.
  - **March 30:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 8:30 p.m. at Main and Morro Bay Blvd. The driver, 57, was nicked for suspicion of driving thick, but avoided the Hwy 1 walk of shame by virtue of a sober friend.
  - **March 30:** Someone donated an old Morro Bay "Sheriff" badge apparently to add to the department's collection of shiny badges.
  - **March 30:** Police responded at 2 p.m. to the 2800 block of Main for a theft report. Logs indicated someone flew off with a metal flamingo yard art masterpiece, proving once again that people will steal anything.
  - **March 29:** Police noted that a female person that was reported missing from the 600 block of Shasta, had been found, and the case is solved.
  - **March 30:** Police snatched some wanted fellow at 12:05 a.m. at Harbor and Piney Way. The apparent anarchist, 31, had outstanding warrants.
  - **March 30:** Police responded at midnight to a car crash in the 1000 block of Main. No word on the extent of the carnage.
  - **March 27:** Police were called at 6 p.m. to a minor car crash at Main and Oahu. No apparent injuries but the cars will no doubt never be the same.
  - **March 28:** Police took a crime report of an alleged theft by a known 33-year-old suspect in the 100 block of Gilbert.
  - **March 28:** Police contacted a suspicious fellow at 2:35 a.m. in the 1000 block of Embarcadero. The apparent hoot owl, 29, was nicked for suspicion of being stoned on drugs.

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Arrest Made in Creston Murder Case

The County Sheriff's Department has arrested a Creston man on suspicion of murder, and in connection with an assault in Paso Robles, after a short manhunt for the accused killer.

According to a news release from the SLO County Sheriff's Office, they received a report of shots fired at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 6 in the 9000 block of Goldie Ln., Creston. That's off Hwy 58 between Santa Margarita and Creston.

"When deputies arrived at that location," said Sheriff's spokesman Tony Cipolla, "they discovered a male victim with a gunshot wound. Medical aid was administered, but a short time later the victim died from his injuries.

Cruz Christopher Gomez, Jr

Detectives began an immediate homicide investigation."

Investigators quickly identified a suspect and an arrest warrant was obtained, but the suspect, Cruz Christopher Gomez, Jr., 42 of Creston had fled the area. A manhunt for Gomez was immediately launched. He was considered "armed and dangerous."

Later that same afternoon, deputies found and arrested Gomez at an undisclosed location in Paso Robles. He was booked into County Jail on suspicion of murder.

On April 7, the Sheriff's Department identified the victim as Jack Dean Everhart, 42 of Santa Margarita. The Tribune reported that Everhart was a husband, father of four — Ryan, Eric, Andrew and Ashley — grandfather of three with a fourth reportedly on the way.

He is survived by his mother Eva, father Frank, sister Kandie, bother Tommy, and wife Tracy Everhart.

The Tribune also reported that Gomez is a suspect in the non-fatal stabbing of a woman in Paso Robles allegedly committed during the time he was on the lam. That case was reported as an assault with a deadly weapon, but no further details were available before deadline.

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Whether it was to ask questions about banking or swinging in for some milk, readers who have been in Ralph's in Los Osos may have received a friendly smile from across the US Bank counter that brightened their day. Bringing joy to errands wasn't part of Don Brown's initial job description, but it certainly became his legacy—one that he will take with him to a new location. Don's last day at US Bank was Saturday April 9, and began his new job at Chase Bank of Morro Bay on April 18.

Don began as a US Bank banker in 2016, quickly rising to the role of premier client relationship specialist, a role he took to heart. Combining a masters degree in finance with a natural talent for helping others, it wasn't long before he started making a positive impact on his customers. Don has a wealth of knowledge regarding all things finance: loans, credit cards, budgets, mortgages and more. During his time at US Bank, he has helped customers rebuild their credit scores, manage end of life transitions, begin their savings journeys, avoid fees, and make the most of their money. During the pandemic, he helped many businesses apply and receive their PPP loans.

Even behind the glass and the mask, customers were sure to find him dressed to the nines ready to bring positivity and solutions to all situations. Repeat customers asked for him by name. Just ask Ted Parrish, a Los Osos resident and customer of Don's who heard of his leaving.

"What? No! Now I have to move out of state, no reason to stay here! In all seriousness, he's been a real asset to us. He set up our accounts, our credit cards, he was our advisor, the whole bit. We're really going to miss him."

Don recently earned his Series 6 & 63 licensing, a step closer to his goal of being a certified financial planner. "My ambition is to assist as many as I can. I want to build long lasting relationships on the Central Coast," Don said.

When not working, he can be seen in the ocean surfing, rolling around the skate park, sliding down Mammoth mountain, or babysitting his 3-year-old nephew. The outdoorsman is a native of Florida, but a solid part of this Central Coast community.

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## Keeping Up with Morro Bay in Bloom Plant California Native Plants this Spring

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The following is a partial list of California native plants that are performing at the sites for which Morro Bay in Bloom provides care:

- *Lupinus arboreus* – yellow coastal bush lupine
- *Salvia spathacea* – hummingbird sage
- *Eriogonum fasciculatum* – California buckwheat
- *Mimulus aurantiacus* – bush monkeyflower or sticky monkeyflower
- *Achillea millefolium* – yarrow 'Sonoma Coast' variety

Morro Bay in Bloom volunteers garden as a group on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Folks are always welcome to garden when they can. No long-term commitments are expected. The following is the calendar of group gardening locations for May (rain at 8:30 a.m. cancels the session):

**Wednesday, May 4:** Corner of Beach and Front Streets.  
**Saturday, May 7:** No session. Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show.  
**Wednesday, May 11:** Corner of Beach and Front Streets.  
**Saturday, May 14:** Corner of Harbor Street and Piney Way (695 Harbor St.).  
**Wednesday, May 18:** Corner of Beach and Front Streets.  
**Saturday, May 21:** Centennial Parkway (meet at outdoor

chess board).  
**Wednesday, May 25:** Corner of Beach and Front Streets.  
**Saturday, May 28:** Morro Bay Boulevard Roundabout (meet at Sinclair gas station).  
For more information, contact Walter Heath at morrobayinbloom@gmail.com.

## Parade to Celebrate Pirate's Football Championships

The whole community is coming together to salute Morro Bay High Football Team's best season ever with an old fashioned parade through town and the call is out for people to participate.

The parade is being co-sponsored and organized by the City Recreation Department and organized by team parents and is set for 11 a.m. May 1, starting on The Embarcadero and parading up the hill to City Park on Harbor Street where a ring ceremony will be held.

MBHS's Pirates Varsity Football Team won the CIF Central Section Championship, then took the Regional Title and made it to the State Championship Game for the first time in school history this past season (2021).

The parade will be organized under the auspices of the police department using rolling, temporary, street closures as the celebrants make their way through the waterfront and Downtown. Traffic delays should then be minimal.

A limited number of chairs will be available at City Park, so organizers ask that you bring your own chair or blanket to the ring ceremony, which should get underway at about noon. Check the MB Pirates Football Facebook page for updates

For more information, contact Christine Johnson at 805-305-3759.

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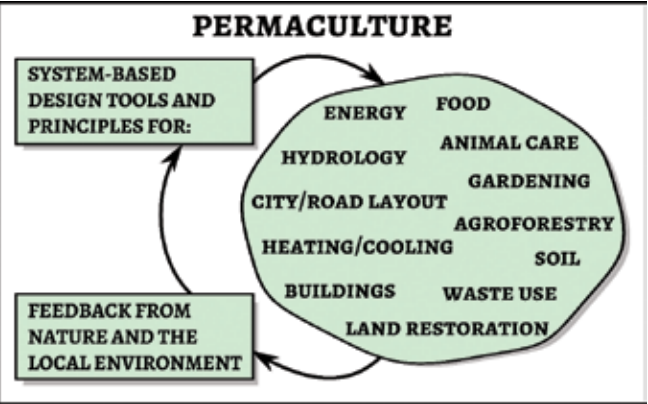


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Each issue, this column will feature one of the BookShelf Writers:  
Debbie Black, Catherine "Kim" Kornreich,  
Judy Salamacha and Susan Vasquez

Permaculture ...  
What's That?

By Debbie Black and guest, David Black



A permaculture diagram. Image by David Black

The word permaculture keeps popping up lately. What the heck is it? Does it have to do with soil? Water? Vegetation? Animals? Wind? Sun?

I found complex definitions that boiled down to this: A problem-solving design approach that increases profitability and productivity of food, fuel and fiber by observing and mimicking nature, while no longer ignoring ecosystem health.

That sounded like an indisputably good thing, but still vague. I wanted to know more. What does permaculture encompass? How's it implemented? Is it big picture thinking, or can the principles be applied to my tiny yard in Cayucos? Too many questions. I had to call in the big guns—my son, David, who has studied permaculture for a number of years and is certified in permaculture design. Here is David's perspective on permaculture, and how it can be implemented in our local gardens:

At the very core of the principles of permaculture is a desire to have a society that can endure far into the future. The term itself, coined by Mollison and Holmgren, is a portmanteau of the words "permanent" and "agriculture" and that is still a primary focus. Over time, however, it has also gathered tools to apply this philosophy of endurance to many other aspects of modern society. When looking at the diagram, it might be tempting to think: "Oh, so it's just referring to design of anything?" Well... sort of. To pull back from this level of abstraction, let's look at a common problem and apply the permaculture lens:

Imagine you have a dirt road on a hill that needs resurfacing every year due to rutting caused by rainstorms. One approach to dealing with this is to keep resurfacing it or just tolerate a terrible surface and drive over it very slowly and carefully. This might be called the "there is no problem" mentality.

A second solution would be to grade the road with a 5% cross-slope and cut a drainage ditch alongside that sends the water out to a storm drain as directly as possible, preventing erosion of the road surface. This mentality could be called "the problem is a problem" and represents the most frequent design approach taken today, particularly in large projects with narrow goals like keeping the road accessible at all times.

Now, a permaculture designer would look at this and just be bubbling with excitement; free water high up on a property that is already concentrated on a road! Their design would probably include the same 5% cross-slope to the road surface and the same drainage ditch, solving the issue at hand. However, they might then route the water

out into three on-contour soakage trenches, or swales, and plant a dozen fruit or olive trees along each one. The water is now kept on the property in a passive, low-maintenance system that grows some extra food or a minor cash crop for the landowner. The land itself also becomes healthier and more productive over time because of this small addition to the design. Permaculturists refer to this last mindset as: "the problem is the solution," implying that most hurdles in a design can be solved in a way that also provides an ancillary benefit when looked at with the appropriate lens.

In our area, the problem of poor soil and the problem of kitchen food waste dovetail into a ready-made solution to grow healthier plants. All soils benefit from some good, natural compost. A simple composter is an easy, rewarding way to turn kitchen greens and yard clippings into free rich mulch for your vegetables, herbs, trees or house plants. An inexpensive composter (like Algreen Soil Saver from Home Depot or unclejimswormfarm.com) can also become a worm bin by adding worms. This is a good family project for kids to learn permaculture in a fun way. Got extra kitchen and yard waste? Find a neighbor with chickens and offer to augment their feed—another example of permaculture's no waste/closed-loop systems. You'll get to know your neighbor, and might even score some eggs.

After you have healthy soil, you'll need to choose plants for your design. Most plants on permaculture lists provide something edible (leaves, shoots, roots, fruits, etc.) but others can pull nitrogen from the air, provide shade, wind or erosion protection, or be nutrient accumulators. Planting two or more mutually beneficial plants next to each other is another example of permaculture—called companion planting. Companion plants are shrubs, herbs, fruits, and vegetables that provide their neighbors with something: nutrients, a climbing structure, shade, or protection from disease and pests. For a list of companion plants, go to [trees.org/post/companion-planting-101/](http://trees.org/post/companion-planting-101/) or for a list of permaculture plants, check out [tobyhemenway.com](http://tobyhemenway.com) or [pfaf.org](http://pfaf.org).

Don't have a yard? Morro Bay and Los Osos have community gardens, or you can offer to plant a neighbor's yard and share the bounty. For more permaculture info and new "permie" friends, go to <https://slopermaculture.weebly.com/>.

Debbie Black is a member of The BookShelf Writers. To see more of her work, please visit [thebookshelfwriters.com](http://thebookshelfwriters.com). Contact David Black at [DesignAFuture@protonmail.com](mailto:DesignAFuture@protonmail.com)

Peace Pole- Estero Bay  
United Methodist Church



On March 9t, approximately 25 community members gathered at the Estero Bay United Methodist Church Peace Pole to offer prayer for Ukraine, share poems and readings. Afterward the Sanctuary was left open and several people entered to offer their individual prayers.

Community members are invited to participate again Thursday, May 5 at 12 p.m. for the National Day of Prayer. They will gather at the Peace Pole 3000 Hemlock in Morro Bay, for prayer and then be welcomed inside the Sanctuary to continue with a short program and then individual prayer. All are welcome!

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## Help Plan the Future of a State Park

By Theresa-Marie Wilson

Interested in being a part of future plans for vast wetlands, riparian areas, vital habitat, and ocean creatures? Survey participants are needed as part of the Interpretation Master Plan for the Hearst San Simeon State Park (HSSSP) Master Plan.

“We need to know what people value, and what kinds of interpretive materials and programs they would consider useful,” said Rouvaishyana, district interpretive planner for the San Luis Obispo Coast District, California State Parks. “The ultimate goal of such a plan is to find effective ways to engage with the public/park visitors so that they understand the natural and cultural resources of the park, what the agency is doing to protect those and how visitors can help, as well as the reasons behind park rules and regulations, especially environmental rules and laws.”

The 20-year plan is intended to provide guidance to Park staff about programs and materials that are designed to be inspirational as well as educational. Topics can include natural and cultural heritage, and recreational resources. This is the first such plan for this park,

“A General Plan was produced for the Park in 1979, covering many aspects of park operations,” said Rouvaishyana. “It contained very little about interpretation, and park staff decided that a plan on this subject area would be timely for the park, as it has been over 40 years.”

Input from teachers plays an important role built out of the relationship between CA State Parks and education.

“We want teacher input because many have brought and will bring students on educational field trips to State Parks, including this one,” Rouvaishyana said. “California State Parks is the second largest provider of public educa-

## Local Skiers Meeting

SLO Skiers, a local, non-profit sports and social club for adults is having its next monthly meeting at Dairy Creek Golf Course Clubhouse in San Luis Obispo at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 4. Meetings are free and yearly membership is only \$50. Social and sports activities occur year round.

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tion in California, after the school system, colleges, and universities, considered collectively. For the last 15-20 years, parks have also offered interactive online programs, which are being combined with live visits in innovative ways.

“The people of California are all part owners of parklands. Of course the parks are open to visitors from other states and other countries as well. The survey is intended to get public input on important topics and messaging. These will be incorporated, to the extent feasible, along with the input of park staff.”

HSSSP is one of the oldest units of the California State Park system. The 3,409-acre park was first established in 1932 and includes the Santa Rosa Creek Natural Preserve, the San Simeon Natural Preserve and the Pa-nu Cultural Preserve. It offers both day use and camping opportunities. Visitors can provide verbal and/or written input when they visit parks or anyone can take a short online survey. It can be found at [bit.ly/3KFcvvZ](https://bit.ly/3KFcvvZ) for visitors and [bit.ly/3jDN-MMB](https://bit.ly/3jDN-MMB) for teachers.

Rouvaishyana says the Interpretation Master Plan, which is expected to be 150 to 200 pages, is slated for completion by the end of this year or the beginning of 2023, but survey results may take longer than planned in order to get enough for a representative sample. After that, the document will undergo an internal review at the District level, and reviewed by staff at State Park headquarters in Sacramento.

“After the plan is completed and reviewed, Park staff will use it to develop interpretive programs, displays, brochures, etc. for visitors to use,” Rouvaishyana said. “If significant new ideas come forward, they can be incorporated as well.”

San Simeon State Park is located 35 miles north of San Luis Obispo on Highway 1, and 5 miles south of the Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument Visitor Center. This park does not include Hearst Castle, but is the coastal strip from the north end of Cambria to San Carpoforo Creek on the way to Ragged Point. It attracts 360,000 to 500,000 visitors per year.

## Sign up for the Cayucos 4th of July Parade



The Cayucos Lions Club is taking applications now for its Independence Day Parade, set for Monday, July 4 in Downtown Cayucos.

The popular event is San Luis Obispo County's biggest 4th of July Parade, drawing upwards of 20,000 people each year. The parade is part of a daylong celebration of our nation's Independence that wraps up at sundown with a spectacular fireworks show off the Cayucos Pier.

Other activities that day include a barbecue hosted by the Cayucos Lions Club, Lioness Club Bingo at the Vets Hall tent, a sand sculpture contest and so much more.

Families, businesses, service organizations or group of friends can all be a part of the. Fill out an application at [e-clubhouse.org/sites/Cayucos](https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/Cayucos). The deadline to sign up is May 15.

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The  
Editor



Better Treatment Wanted

Let's hope the former employees of Morro Bay Drug and Gift were treated with more care, concern, compassion, dignity and respect than are the clients, customers, and public at large being treated by Dr. Sumanta Paul.

William Fritch  
Morro Bay

Bird Bath Needs to go

For those of us who have studied (college-level classes) and cared for various wildlife species, it is difficult to understand people's actions like those of Regina Prokop. In 1971, two Laguna lifeguards and I founded Friends of the Sea Lion. It has evolved into the very significant Marine Mammal Rescue Center.

At first nobody doctored the gulls when storm winds steered them wrongly against the cliffs. A cage was built in my solarium and, with the help of a veterinarian, they were brought back to perfect health.

The initial fact we learned was that all seabirds have a de-sal system in their bodies, so seawater is not harmful.

Very recently scientific studies have indicated that seabird guano has inhibitors of antibiotic action in humans (I have the news letter of Oct. 2020).

When the ridiculous Morro Bay Birdbath has gull traffic in it, it becomes full of guano, harmful to people if wafting in the air.

If squirrels drink it, their poop increases and sinks down onto our precious otters' food on the sea floor. The otters preserve sea grass by nudging around the roots, causing them to reproduce at an increased rate. (New York Times)

The LAST thing needed by the beach is a "bird bath." In Cambria, it is understood to never leave pet food or water outside at night because it draws predators like coyotes. When you see posters of "Lost Dog" or "Lost Cat," it is very often those have been nabbed by coyotes coming in for water.

Evolution placed all species in locations where they can preserve themselves naturally. We have no right to in-

crease their numbers when all evidence is that crowdedness breeds the passage of diseases. Social distancing is a natural law of all species.

Vivian Thompson  
Morro Bay

Thank You to  
Medical Workers

At the start of the new year, we like to leave the old one behind, but this year seemed to be different. We still wear masks and are fearful of a dangerous global virus. It seems like nothing has changed.

But maybe that is a good thing, for there are so many things we take for granted and other people have to do without. We are so lucky to be able to go to the Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center if an emergency turns up unexpectedly. What would we do and where would we go, if we needed medical advice and the emergency room doors were closed to those that could not pay the bill?

How lucky are we to live in a country that shares so much of its blessings with the world around us? I hope that will never change and those dedicated medical workers and doctors that stuck with their job when the virus broke out will still be able to go on a little longer. Many thanks for being there for us when we needed you, we will never forget you or what happened in 2021 and how you did whatever you could to be there for us. Many thanks to you and the hospital you work for.

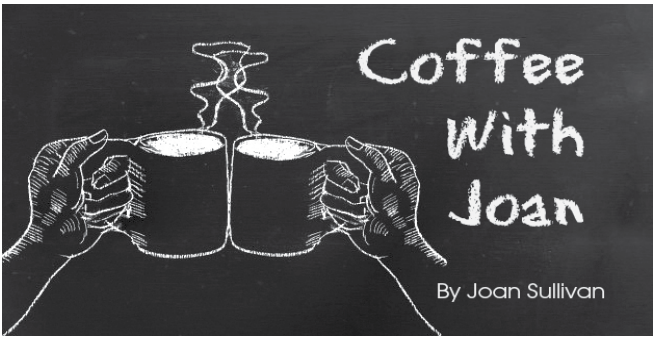
Ybi Van Ekeren  
Los Osos

What is Taking So Long  
on South Bay Blvd.

I looked back online at the December 16 issue of the Estero Bay News and they said South Bay would be closed for about 8 weeks. It is going on 17 weeks now, can you please give us an update? This has been going on way to long.

J. Filmore III  
Los Osos

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Walnuts Groves



En route to pick up copies of Estero Bay News from the printer in King City, my daughter, Lynne, and I pass several walnut groves along the way that have always interested me. Are they native to California? When and how are they harvested? My questions went unanswered until I did a little research on the Internet.

I also contacted owner of the Webster Walnut Grove in Linden, California. The following information is what the rancher, Carlyle Kine, e-mailed me.

"Webster Ranch located in Linden, CA has been in the Webster family since 1929. Bought right before the depression, it was 1500 acres. It was initially a cattle ranch but in the 70s it went into walnuts.

"The walnuts they grow are Chandler, Vina, Sunland and Tulare. Chandler's are the closest to an English walnut—nice size, white meat. Everyone likes them. The Vina's are darker and much more flavorful, very popular overseas in Asia.

"The ranch is still in the family, but it is now divided between three families. We just took out 50 acres of older walnuts and are going to put in almonds. They come into production sooner and we thought we would diversify. Right now we have a cover crop planted and the walnuts will be planted in about a year. The cover crop will be turned into the soil for its nutrients.

"The family is very big in conservation and a lot of the

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Sports

Pirates Host Second 'Pirate Relays'

Photos by Neil Farrell

Morro Bay High's Track and Field teams recently hosted six other schools in the second edition of the "Pirate Relays," as the track season kicks into high gear. The teams were scheduled to compete last weekend in the Russell Cup at Carpinteria High School.

For complete meet results go online to: [www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/447527/results/all](http://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/447527/results/all). Here are some photos taken at the Pirate Relays.



Freshman Eli Waldman, left, and junior Michael Carbajal are shown at the start of the Boy's 800 meters race.



Senior, Michael Carbajal crosses the finish in the Boy's 800 meters.



Junior Aiden Blackwood competes in the Boy's 300M hurdles.



Sophomore Annie Wieck clears the last hurdle on her way to first place in the Girl's 300M hurdles heat.



Sophomore, Anthony Frere, competes in the 300M hurdles.



Senior standout, Phoenix Popp, competes in the Boy's 300M hurdles, an event that last season he qualified for the CIF Central Section Finals in.



Sophomore, Nathan Pech, runs in the 1600M.



Freshman, Rheanna Dunton, competes in the Girl's 1600M race.

**Coffee with Joan** From page 13

ranch is in a conservation easement. This means it will always be farmland. We have houses all over the property for wood ducks to roost. We garden like fiends. Large vegetable garden that feed our family, and we just put in a large fruit orchard that has every fruit you can think of. My sister-in-law has chickens so there are fresh eggs. Someday I would like to get a cow for milk and cheese.

Farmers are a very important part of our food chain, especially California farmers. I find myself defending them when I am in Southern California. Their needs, both water rights (which are crazy in CA) and conservation rights, determines what to grow and what not to grow."



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Sports

Morro Bay High's Varsity Girls Soccer Team recently wrapped up a very successful season, which while not topping the league standings, they battled their way to the CIF Semi-Finals.

The Lady Pirates ended the regular season in fifth place in the Ocean League, said Coach Kim Wishon (Coach Kim). The girls were far from done. "Even though we were seeded 14th out of 16 teams in CIF, we made it to the semi finals. This was a special year because many of the seniors were on the team as freshmen, and the team really came together."

Hard work and teamwork were keys. "The key to our success this year," Coach Kim said, "was not only putting in the hard work to be fit, have a good touch on the ball and know the game, but more importantly to work together and be a team."

Several players had standout seasons. Dorothy "Dot" Nickel, the team's goalie and team captain "kept us competitive in many games," Coach Kim said. Dot Nickel was named First Team All-League.

Center back, Jessica Chavez played a key role on offense and defense. "Without her excellent defense and goal scoring abilities," the coach said, "we would have had a big hole in the back line." Chavez was named Second Team All-League and was named the Pirates' Most Valuable Player.

Jane Hotaling, Coach Kim said, was a monster in the midfield, "making plays, defending and scoring." Hotaling was named Honorable Mention All-League.

The Lady Pirates also got some great defense from Hana Yoneyama. "As one of our captains," Coach Kim said, "she led the team on and off the field." Yoneyama received The Coaches Award.

Every player contributed to the team's overall success. "Anything can happen on the soccer field and I am proud to say that this team worked cohesively together to accomplish a great season," Coach Kim said.

The Pirates will say goodbye to eight senior players,

Varsity Girls Conclude Great Season

By Neil Farrell



The Morro Bay High's Girls' Varsity Soccer Team recently completed a great season, reaching the CIF Semi-Finals. Team players are pictured kneeling left to right: Hana Yoneyama, Angie Ibay, Abby Hall, Jane Hotaling, Mia Bennett, Sonia Martinez, and Alexa Contreras. Standing left to right are: Jessica Sloan, Ava Burton, Jessica Chavez, Victoria Palos, Samantha Riveras, Fatima Martinez, Dot Nickel, Kaylie Gonzalez, Avery Miller, Nellie Calderwood, Emily Giordano. Photo Courtesy MBHS

and Coach Kim's preparing for a rebuilding year. Thankfully, she won't be starting from scratch.

"With that many seniors leaving," she said, "we will have some re-building to do but since next year will be my fifth year coaching, the girls coming up know what to expect and I am hopeful that we can maintain and improve in the years to come."

Many of the girls are expected to continue playing

soccer in college with one getting a lot of attention from scouts. "Our goalie, Dot Nickel," Coach Kim said, "has received offers from many schools such as Oregon State, Grand Canyon University, and abroad, but she has not yet decided where she will go. Most of the seniors will likely play in college next year, either for fun or competitively."

Coach had many thanks that she wanted to express. "I would like to thank Jessica Brown for coaching the JV Team; Kelly Hotaling for being our team/program manager; Ava Dorvillier for assisting me; Katie Aenerud, MBHS athletic trainer, for helping with all the injuries; and all of our fans. Thank you for coming out in the freezing cold to support our team! Thanks for a great season!"

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the agency said, “BOEM will develop an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the specific environmental consequences of constructing and operating such a facility, in consultation with Tribes and appropriate federal, state and local agencies and with participation by ocean users, stakeholders and the public.”

The EA's definition of the project gives two size options — Option 1 covers 255,000 acres and Option 2 is 240,000 acres. The two options vary in depth of water too, with Option 1 going from 800-1300 meters deep and Option 2 is 900-1300 meters.

BOEM is tentatively scheduling its lease auction for sometime this summer, after it has analyzed the EA comments, which will be incorporated into a Draft EIS. That document will then be circulated for a month for more comments.

Once that is finalized and the auction is held, buyers get their turn to put together a project and start studying environmental impacts in more focused detail.

The auction will come after BOEM publishes a “Proposed Sale Notice” in the Federal Register, which will trigger another round of public comments leading to a “Final Sale Notice” and then the actual auction.

And the review doesn't end there. Indeed, it's just getting started.

If BOEM holds a lease sale for some or all of the WEA, the EA said, “the issuance of a lease would grant the lessee the exclusive right to submit for BOEM’s review a plan proposing development of the leasehold. The lease itself does not authorize any activity within the lease area. Therefore, BOEM does not consider the issuance of a lease to constitute an irreversible and irretrievable commitment of agency resources toward the construction of a wind energy facility.”

Successful bidders must develop a Construction and Operations Plan or COP, detailing what it intends to build, and then analyze every possible impact from biological, geological, geotechnical, and archaeological surveys to site assessment activities including meteorological and oceanograph-

ic buoy deployment.

Through studies done already, BOEM has characterized the offshore winds here, annual wind speeds of 8-10 meters per second, which BOEM said is better than average winds in the North Sea.

They also eliminated one kind of mooring system due to the water depth, which at 1300 meters goes down over three-fourths of a mile (4,265 feet). “These water depths make pile-driven foundations (e.g., monopile or jacket) infeasible based on current technology,” BOEM said. That leaves giant concrete mooring blocks for holding the floating wind turbines on station, as the most likely mooring method.

BOEM has gotten continuing interest in the Morro Bay WEA from some 14 companies: Algonquin Power Fund (America) Inc.; wpd Offshore Alpha, LLC; Avangrid Renewables, LLC; Castle Wind, LLC; Cierco Corporation; EDF Renewables Development, Inc. ; EDP Renewables North America, LLC; 8. E C & R (eON) Development, LLC; Equinor Wind US, LLC; Mission Floating Wind, LLC; Northcoast Floating Wind, LLC; Northland Power America, Inc.; Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA); and U.S. Mainstream Renewable Power, Inc.

Castle Wind signed a memorandum of understanding with the City of Morro Bay to support Castle's efforts in exchange for monetary support by the company. Once the auctions are held, it's anticipated the City will formalize an agreement with Castle Winds or whoever wins the leases, as the tentative plans now are to bring the power ashore to the Morro Bay Power Plant for connection to the power grid.

BOEM's analysis has identified three main competing uses for the WEA — commercial and sport fishing, maritime navigation, and Department of Defense activities.

Indeed, it was the Navy's use of the offshore areas for training flights out of Lemoore NAS that killed another potential site offshore from Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

And it also nearly killed the Morro Bay WEA, too, but a confab in Washington, brokered by Congressman Salud Carbajal

and others, reached a compromise that has allowed the Morro Bay WEA to move forward.

BOEM acknowledges that fishing will be impacted. “Floating wind facilities are likely to be incompatible with certain gear and fishing methods that are used in the deeper waters offshore California [e.g., trawl, pot/trap, long line, nets], BOEM’s EA said.

They don't feel sport fishers will be impacted because they rarely go in waters deeper than 200 meters, according to BOEM.

“Given the ubiquity of fishing activity along the Pacific Coast,” BOEM said, “no single exclusion area or mitigation approach would resolve all potential commercial fishing conflicts. Some areas important to one sector of the industry may not be important to others, and currently no available information indicates unique fishing grounds within the Call Area that are either marginal or notably valuable.”

BOEM continued, “The approximate water depth range within the Morro Bay Call Area is between 860 meters and 1300 meters. Given the offshore and deep locations of the Call Area, a simple depth analysis reveals that many commercial fisheries are not likely to experience notable preclusion from fishing grounds as a result of wind energy development in the area.”

The federal overseer of West Coast Commercial Fishing is concerned about the seafloor habitats in the call area, as some of it already falls under various protective programs.

“The Pacific Fishery Management Council [PFMC] stated that the West extension [additional acreage added to the original call area] overlaps with the PFMC-designated rocky reef Habitat Area of Particular Concern, as well as being completely within the Big Sur Coast/Port San Luis Essential Fish Habitat Conservation Area.

“These designations indicate areas that contain ecologically important habitat and may benefit from protection from human activities, including offshore wind energy installations.”

Another area where the

Call Area was expanded into, the so-called East Extension, is more conducive to commercial fishing, as the water is shallower.

“The PFMC notes that this area was historically important for trawl harvest of dover sole and sablefish and is currently an important area for fixed gear sablefish harvest. Currently there is no large-scale market for groundfish trawl vessels; however, historic production from trawl vessels should be considered as a placeholder for future fisheries impacts.”

The trawl fishery suffered a near death blow in the mid-2000s, when The Nature Conservancy bought trawl permits from local fishermen and nearly shut down the fishery, which drags large nets across the seafloor in deep water to catch sole and other groundfish species.

In response, a so-called “Catch Shares” or quota system was established so some trawl fishing could continue under strict guidelines. In its heyday, trawl fishing accounted for 75% of the local catch.

Commercial ships, mainly cargo vessels, tugs and oil tankers, pose a threat too, focusing on “navigational safety concerns and mariner access to established routes far offshore from California.

“Navigational safety comments included potential collision hazards with moveable floating wind turbines, decreased sea space to maneuver during adverse weather and shifts to existing vessel traffic patterns that could increase congestion in some areas.

“Several comments recommended BOEM avoid siting wind energy facilities near high-use commercial shipping routes. One commenter suggested the establishment of safety corridors to ensure safe distance between any future facilities and vessels.”

Navigational charts already designate sea routes — so-called USCG Recommended Tracks — 37-miles off Morro Bay.

“AIS trackline data of vessel traffic patterns,” BOEM said, “confirm vessels transit areas adjacent to, and within, the Morro Bay Call Area, prior to entering these Recommended Tracks.”

A study of these recommended sea-

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Petition

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According to a CHP accident report, John Carroll, Jr., 71 of Turlock, Calif., was driving Hwy 1 in a 2014 Honda CRV and had stopped in the left turn lane leading onto San Luisito Creek Road.

Paul Gendron, 50 of Visalia was coming in the opposite direction in a 2013 Kia Optima and reportedly traveling the speed limit, according to the CHP, when Carroll turned in front of him.

“The front end of the Kia slammed into the right side of the Honda,” the CHP report said. A third car, a 2012 Ford Escape driven by Vivian Young Gong, 66 of Morro Bay couldn’t avoid the collision that happened right in front of her. Gong’s vehicle “collided into the Kia after the initial collision.”

All three drivers suffered serious injuries and were hospitalized. A 42-year-old woman, a passenger in Carroll’s car, died from her injuries.

The shock of losing a loved one, combined with a second fatal crash so soon afterward, has set Stoner on a crusade of sorts to get something done about what are actually three cross-traffic left turns on Hwy 1 between Cuesta College and Morro Bay.

The other two turns are at San Bernardo Creek Road and into the San Luis Obispo Sportsmen’s Shooting Ranges.

And with the City of Morro Bay currently closing the South Bay Boulevard exits while its sewer project trenches through the area, that San Bernardo Creek Road turn is seeing a lot of traffic right now.

Stoner admits he’s got a dog in this hunt. He’s an e-bike rider, who also is vision impaired, and regularly volunteers at the SLO Botanical Garden in El Chorro Regional Park, and at the Grizzly Academy at Camp San Luis.

But he fears crossing the highway on a bike, so he says that he will ride all the way to South Bay Boulevard, take the exits and re-enter the highway going back the way he came. He goes far out of his way, just to safely get across the highway.

“I go 4 miles to get across the highway at South Bay Boulevard,” he says, “and then back track.”

Turning onto Highway 1, “is more dangerous than turning off,” he says, “and two people have died turning off the highway.”

So the twin tragedies have sparked a fire in Stoner, and he’s started a petition drive, beginning with all the neighbors on his side of Hwy 1 and on the other side, in the area of Dana and Canet Roads.

Also, should Hydrostor, a Canadian energy company, successfully build a proposed energy storage facility on farmland on Dana Road, traffic at the intersection will greatly increase, especially during construction (still years away).

So he’s contacted various government agencies — Caltrans, the Highway Patrol, and San Luis Obispo Council of Governments — to see about getting a traffic light installed, but has been unsuccessful.

But he’s just getting started, as the fatal accidents make him feel like, “Somebody is telling us something.”

Estero Bay News sent inquiries on this issue to SLOCOG and Caltrans, and SLOCOG responded before

deadline.

John DiNunzio of SLOCOG, the countywide agency that distributes federal and state funds for highways, bike paths, and other transportation projects, said, “A signal would likely not be warranted given this is an expressway and speeds out there are 65 mph-plus.”

He said at this time, SLOCOG is concentrating on other troublesome areas on Hwy 1. “SLOCOG’s view of the safety hotspots along the SR1 [State Route 1] corridor between City of SLO and City of Morro Bay are: the intersections at SR1 and Highland Drive; SR1 and Kansas Avenue and SR1 and Hollister Road [at El Chorro park]. These are the most problematic in terms of safety hotspots and trends over time.”

He notes however, that his understanding is that Caltrans has taken notice of the safety risks at San Luisito Creek Road, and “opened an investigation.”

There’s also an upcoming chance to bring up the issue. DiNunzio said, “We are convening a Regional Transportation Safety Forum in early Oct 2022 to improve the culture of Traffic Safety in SLO County, and provide a resources fair and Road Safety workshops for locally elected officials [City Council members, City and County Planning Commissioners and Community Advisory Council members from each district].”

Stoner’s petition drive, if he can get some help with it, might be a good piece of testimony to offer at such a safety summit. He feels if he can gather 500 signatures — and half of which live on these roads — “That’s gotta get somebody’s attention.”

Stoner is asking for help from anybody interested in this kind of public activism, as his vision impairment makes it difficult. And he’s not much good on a computer. Answering the phone is easier for him than texts or email, call 805-235-4184, if interested in this effort.

His petition, which his sister helped write, suggests several actions that could be taken to make the area safer:

- Reducing the speed limit;
- Signs that warn “Reduced Speed Ahead;”
- Flashing yellow lights in each direction to alert drivers to be cautious; and,
- A traffic study to determine the best course of action.

SLOCOG has been working on another possible solution, at least for bike riders, the so-called, “Chorro Valley Trail,” a separated Class-1 bike lane running the length of Chorro Valley, connecting Morro Bay, Cuesta College and Cal Poly (see: <https://slocog.org/programs/regional-planning/chorro-valley-trail>).

According to SLOCOG’s website, the CVT has undergone a feasibility study and drafted an implementation plan too, completed in 2014. The CVT has undergone “a long range planning study that will be used to identify biological, cultural and other impediments in the area. It contains a preliminary alignment (where the trail might go), initial design of the trail, and segments that have potential to be built in the near future.”

Initial maps show the CVT on the south side of Hwy 1, opposite where Stoner lives, so even if it goes in, he may still have to go far out of his way to get to it. “My fear is that somebody else will die while they’re studying this. We’ll see once we get the petition done.”

Back Better

From page 1

Bay Car Show participants showed up in 1997 and have returned each year.

By 2010 it was the 14th annual event. Merchants, restaurants, hotels and even residents realized it was a good time and benefited all concerned. By 2010 the event had grown to 4-days starting with registration and a welcome on Thursday at McIntosh’s Main Street Ocean View Garage. Participants would see old friends, nibble, imbibe, and show off what they might have done to their cars over the past year.

Friday was a planned cruise north for BYO-lunch somewhere along the Central Coast then back to their hotels to polish up for the big cruise night around and around and around Morro Bay’s downtown. Onlookers were families with babies and excited children of all ages. Seniors smiled at the memories of their first or favorite cars back when. Cruisin’ cars were encouraged to wave, shout, honk, and rev engines. Then early Saturday until Sunday noon the streets of Morro Bay were packed fender to fender for “show n’ shine” time—500+ spiffed up classic cars enjoying the questions and stories shared.

“Not much has changed over the years,” said Doubledee (in 2010). “The goal has remained simple, bring the cars to town to enjoy our hospitality and spend their cash with our merchants, restaurants and hotels.”

In 2022 the goal remains the same. Steve Carnes is now chair. Committee members have changed but they still meet weekly all year round at Dorns to plan. This year will celebrate 2020-21 and 2022. Expect the classics to roll in Thursday, May 5, Cruise Nite is May 6, and Saturday and Sunday “show n’ shine.” Find out all the details at Morro-BayCarshow.org.

And word has it --- even in today’s economy their original plan still works for the benefit of all concerned.

**Morro Bay’s City-Wide Yard Sale** returns Saturday and Sunday May 14-15. Morro Bay Beautiful’s Ann Reisner has help this year from Visit Morro Bay. Check for updates closer to the event on Morro Bay Beautiful’s Facebook page. Suggested times for sales are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Reisner is still chairing the event and says, “There’s a yard sale on every street.”

In 2012 my modified “By the Bay” column was headlined “Morro Bay Treasure Hunt. It read, about eight years ago several community members brainstormed a citywide yard sale. Ray Ladd promoted other communities used the concept to attract visitors - avid treasure seekers who would visit, eat and shop.

Morro Bay Beautiful President, Ann Reisner, adopted the idea and launched what is today (2012) themed “Morro Bay Beautiful Annual City-Wide Yard Sale: Working with Our Chamber of Commerce.” It happened in early April with more than 172 households, nonprofits and businesses securing spots on the official map, sponsored and published by The Bay News (now Estero Bay News). Pacific Locksmith provided the maps and hosted coffee and donuts for the first 100.

Reisner said, “My daughter (Juliana Epperly) and I have been knee deep in getting the City-Wide Yard Sale completed. It is the biggest one we have ever had. I’m hoping for a Guinness World Record someday.”

Epperly, owner of Pampered Paws, saw her mother having so much fun with the yard sale, she wanted to help. “Since December I have spent 50% of my time on this,” but admitted they are still having fun.

Both ladies credit former Chamber CEO Craig Schmidt and his chamber staff for stepping up. In 2022 both ladies are still involved, but it is Visit Morro Bay that is coordinating the map. Call Liz at 805-225-7411.

Reisner said she loved exploring yard sales and finding treasures. “It is discovering things you’re not looking for. I love my \$2 crockpot. My husband, Ron, bought Juliana an expensive shade umbrella for her dogs. The dogs immediately tore it up. I found a 10-foot, teakwood one with a cement base, probably cost \$10 and she still uses it.”

Larger yard sale participants often support nonprofits. For example, in 2012 SurviveOars needed to raise funds for paddles, life vests and future racing fees for their cancer-survivor members that still row several times a week in 2022.

Still the goal of the Morro Bay City-Wide Yard Sale is “Recycle, reduce landfill, and have fun!”



One of the Salamacha treasures found at the Morro Bay City-Wide Yard Sale. It returns May 14-15. Photo by Judy Salamacha



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lanes will have to be done, too. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) will be conducting a “Pacific Port Access Route Study,” [PACPARS] to evaluate whether the shipping lanes should be moved.

The PACPARS, BOEM said, “will help the USCG determine what impacts, if any, the siting of offshore wind facilities

may have on existing maritime users and any potential impacts to vessel traffic and maritime navigation. BOEM has coordinated closely with the USCG throughout its planning and siting process and will continue this coordination to address potential maritime impacts from any future offshore wind development.”

## State Grants \$10.5M to Remake Humboldt Bay

With the Federal Government moving towards the sale of offshore wind leases off the Central Coast, the State of California has made a hefty commitment to help Humboldt Bay build a port facility for its offshore wind area.

The California Energy Commission recently announced a \$10.5 million grant “for renovations at the Port of Humboldt Bay to support offshore wind activities in an area designated for development on the North Coast,” the CEC’s announcement said.

The intent is to build the “Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal,” the CEC said, which, “will be capable of handling large heavy cargo vessels, offshore wind floating platform development and integration and decommissioning, and other maritime activities.”

The terminal would service up to 1.6 gigawatts of wind power located in the so-called “Humboldt Call Area.”

CEC Commissioner Kourtney Vaccaro said, “I’m excited by the opportunity to partner with the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District in their pursuit of revitalizing their port to support the necessary infrastructure for deploying ocean based clean energy resources that will benefit Californians. Offshore wind is an important part of the state’s clean electricity future, providing critical supply at night to complement our abundant solar resources.”

Humboldt has great expectations from offshore wind. The CEC said the project would, “revitalize the waterfront industry in Humboldt County and provide living wage jobs to nearby communities. An economic assessment found that the terminal could generate as many as 830 local jobs and more than \$130 million in industry output over a five-year period.”

The \$10.5M is included in the 2021-22 State Budget and Gov. Gavin Newsom plans to more than double down with his next budget. That budget will propose \$45 million “for additional investments to prepare waterfront facilities in California to support floating offshore wind energy development in federal waters off the California Coast.”

With just two call areas — Humboldt and Morro Bay — identified thus

far by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), at least some of that money should be expected to find its way to support the proposed 3GW wind farm being sited off San Simeon.

The CEC was tasked with studying offshore wind energy under Assembly Bill 525, which calls for development of a strategic plan.

“The legislation,” the CEC said, “requires the CEC to evaluate and quantify the maximum feasible capacity of offshore wind to achieve reliability, ratepayer, employment, and de-carbonization benefits and establish megawatt offshore wind planning goals for 2030 and 2045 by June 2022 and submit the strategic plan to the Legislature in June 2023.”

The State’s investment is focusing on the paperwork aspects; the CEC anticipates construction funds would come through Federal grants.

Activities funded by the \$10.5M grant include, “completing preliminary engineering and design work, conducting site surveys and special studies, preparing necessary environmental impact assessments, implementing early construction, and initiating environmental mitigation measures. The funds may also be used to attract matching funds from Federal grants and to contribute towards project construction.”

As part of the strategic plan, the CEC, in coordination with relevant state and local agencies, “is required to develop a plan to improve waterfront facilities that could support a range of floating offshore wind energy development activities, including construction and staging of foundations, manufacturing of components, final assembly, and long-term operations and maintenance facilities.”

The Humboldt Harbor District is all-in as well. “Humboldt Bay,” Harbor District Board President Greg Dale said, “has the optimal conditions to serve as the primary port for the offshore wind industry for the entire West Coast. We are fully dedicated to prepare our port for this remarkable opportunity and we are honored to be working with the California Energy Commission to launch California into the future of energy production.”

— Neil Farrell

## New SLO Homes Ribbon Cutting



The San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on April 14 for Williams Homes, Inc. celebrating the model homes of Heirloom at San Luis Ranch. The single-family

dwelling in farmhouse, modern agrarian, and craftsman styles are located at 1675 Dalidio Drive, San Luis Obispo.

For more information, go to [www.williamshomes.com](http://www.williamshomes.com). Photo by Dean Sullivan.

## Abalone Film Returns April 24



Morro Bay, “Once” the Abalone Capital of the World, will be shown again at the Bay Theater in Morro Bay on Sunday April 24, at 7 p.m. The premier was a sell out, so buy your tickets now at the Museum. Members \$10 and non- members

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Community

**Sewage Spill** From page 1  
treated naturally in the pond, settling out solids, with the plant life filtering the water.

The sewage spill did not flow beyond the area next to the highway and never entered any waterways, Kwolek said. He was joined on site by Damaris Hanson, the new Utilities Division Manager, and the new City Engineer, Eric Riddiough. The sewage spill is the first test of their leadership team.

Some 10,000 gallons of sewage was spilled and the City crew immediately went to work to contain the spill, and soon started the cleanup using the City’s pumper truck.

They also got on the phone and ordered a portable bypass system to handle the sewage flow until repairs are completed.

By 7 p.m. that same day, Kwolek said, they had the bypass up and running and the spill cleaned up, with some residual sewage left that had saturated into the ground.

That pressurized, 6-inch diameter line conveys all the sewage from The Cloisters and the Atascadero Beach Tract, essentially, all the homes west of Hwy 1 in North Morro Bay. It’s been there a long, long time.

Kwolek said the “Ductile Pipe” sewer line dates back to 1954, “as far as we know right now.” Ductile Piping is an iron pipe coated inside and out. It is considered very strong and durable, and is used for both sewer and water systems. Ductile pipes have been documented to last over 100 years, depending on how corrosive the exterior groundwater is.

This pipe predates the City’s incorporation in July 1964, which means SLO County oversaw the pipe’s installation, and Kwolek said it even predates the construction of Hwy 1.

The City by last Wednesday had already sent robots with cameras down both the sewer pipe and the storm drain and they discovered that the sewer pipe crosses over the drainpipe somewhere underneath the highway, which is problematic for fixing it.

Kwolek said to fully investigate the leak they would have to open up the ground on the highway, which would be a major undertaking.

He said they were going to meet with Caltrans officials to discuss how to proceed.

Their options include sliding another pipe into the old one; slip lining it; or horizontal drilling a new pipe underneath the highway.

Slip lining was previously done on a sewer main line from Main Street, down Atascadero Road to the sewer treatment plant. This was part of the eventual solution Shell Oil Co., and the City reached after a Shell Gas Station at Main and Hwy 41, was found to have leaked MTBE into the groundwater.

The fuel leak was discovered after the City found traces of the fuel additive in its sewer stream. The leak was traced back to the Shell station and the company spent about 6 years cleaning up the groundwater. The station closed for good and was torn down. A U-Haul dealership recently opened on that property, displaced from Quintana Road by the City’s Water Reclamation Facility Project.



Sewage from a broken line running underneath Hwy 1 surfaced and pooled in a storm drain basin shown here at right.

Slip lining that sewer main was done at Shell’s expense. However, at just 6-inches in diameter, the Cloisters line is probably too small to be slip lined.

Their robotic examination found, “What appears to be a hole in the sewer line,” Kwolek explained. “It would be pure speculation as to cause — it could be from friction or an eroded cavity — we at this time just don’t know.”

The portable bypass system was set up by Pacific Petroleum of California, based in Santa Maria, and consists of two, large, above ground tanks, 20,000-gallon capacity each, that collect the sewage from the lift station and pump it into tanker trucks.

The sewage is then being trucked to another location in town and emptied into a sewer manhole somewhere on the east side of Hwy 1.

Last Friday the City announced closure of the Cloisters bike path running past the spill area.

“In order to keep pedestrians and cyclists safe along the Bike Path,” the City’s notice reads the City has closed a section of the Bike Path and diverting pedestrians and bikes onto Emerald Circle. The closure is needed to allow vehicle traffic, including large truck and tankers, in the area to empty the temporary storage tanks. The bike path closure will be necessary until the City can repair or replace the sewer force main under Highway 1.”

Returning the sewage back into the collection system via tanker truck, Kwolek said, was easier than trucking it to the sewer treatment plant on Atascadero Road.

It’s not cheap either. The rental on the bypass system is costing the City \$10,000 a day.

The tanks themselves are not expensive Kwolek said, costing just a few hundred a day, but it’s the manpower costs including the truck drivers and system monitors that are the bulk of the expense.

During the City Council meeting on April 12, the first time the Council met in person since April 2020, some residents were critical of the spill and claimed the City hasn’t done the repairs it promised to do when it raised sewer rates in 2015. Kwolek refuted that criticism.

“This sewer line is not included as one of our capital improvement projects,” he said. “This was not something even on our radar. We were unaware of an issue until it was

discovered on Monday.”

That’s not unusual for underground pipes — water or sewer — which can develop slow, minor leaks that gradually, over the years worsen until one day the spill surfaces, like this one at Cloisters did, or a sinkhole develops, like one that was discovered on Morro Bay Boulevard several years ago.

The repairs are an emergency situation. So money for the bypass rental and likely the eventual fix will probably come out of sewer fund reserves.

As for the consequences, Kwolek said they notified State regulators of the spill and will work with them on a resolution. Such spills are handled by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Kwolek was unsure when they could get a project together, have it reviewed and permitted and a new sewer line installed and running. But at \$10,000 a day for the bypass system, time is money.



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