



CITY OF MORRO BAY

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AND WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTICE OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

The City of Morro Bay provides essential public services and infrastructure to maintain a safe, clean and healthy place for residents and visitors to live, work and play.

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING AGENDA Tuesday,
July 3, 2018 at 3:00P.M. to 5:45 P.M.
Veteran's Memorial Building
209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC

COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA SPECIAL

MEETING AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

- 1: Review of Draft *Final* Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility (WRF)
Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), on March 30, 2018 the City released the Draft EIR for the Water Reclamation Facility Project (WRF). The WRF facility is proposed to be located approximately 1/2 mile Northerly of the South Bay Blvd exit from State Highway 1. The proposed project would provide wastewater treatment services for the City of Morro Bay. The existing wastewater treatment facility would be replaced by the proposed project together with a new treatment facility planned by the Cayucos Sanitary District (CSD), located adjacent to Toro Creek Road. The Draft EIR addresses all components of the project including the facility and all associated pumping and conveyance facilities including production and beneficial reuse of advanced treated recycled water that will meet or exceed all treatment requirements of the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The potential beneficial end use for the advanced treated recycled water is indirect potable reuse (IPR) through groundwater replenishment.

The DEIR was circulated for public review from March 31, 2018 through May 18, 2018. An electronic copy of the DEIR is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/MBWRFEIR> which includes a summary of impacts and mitigation measures, project alternatives, areas of controversy, and significant unavoidable environmental effects and irreversible environmental changes.

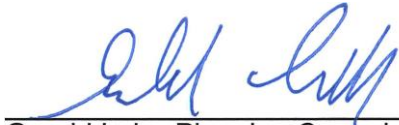
Staff recommendation: Review the Draft final EIR including the response to comments received; and forward a recommendation for approval and certification of the Final EIR to City Council.

Staff/Applicant contact: Rob Livick, PE/PLS- Public Works Director/City Engineer,
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DATED: June 25, 2018

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Gerald Luhr, Planning Commission Chairperson



Barbara Spagnola, Water Reclamation Facility
Citizen Advisory Committee Vice-Chairperson

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT UP TO 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME SET FOR THE MEETING. PLEASE REFER TO THE AGENDA POSTED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 955 SHASTA AVENUE, FOR ANY REVISIONS, OR CALL THE DEPARTMENT AT 772-6261 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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AGENDA NO: B-1

MEETING DATE: July 3, 2018

Staff Report

TO: PC and WRFCAC Members **DATE:** June 29, 2018

FROM: Scot Graham - Community Development Director
Rob Livick, PE/PLS - Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Review of Draft Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility (WRF)

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Draft Final EIR including the response to comments received, take public comments and forward a recommendation for approval and certification of the Final EIR to City Council.

APPLICANT: City of Morro Bay: (Rob Livick, PE/PLS – Public Works Director/City Engineer)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The item before the Planning Commission (PC) and Water Reclamation Citizen Advisory Committee (WRFCAC) is the Draft Final Environmental Impact Report for the Water Reclamation Facility. The FEIR is available online at the following link: <http://www.morrobayca.gov/DocumentCenter/Index/659>

The paragraphs below provide an outline of the overall CEQA process, brief description of the WRF project, followed by Staff recommendation.

CEQA Requirements

The Draft FEIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. The Draft FEIR incorporates, by reference, the Draft EIR for the WRF as it was originally published. The Draft FEIR contains the following information:

1. The Draft EIR and or revision of the draft
2. Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR
3. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR

Prepared By: SG & RL

Department Review: SG & RL

4. The responses of the Lead Agency (The City of Morro Bay) to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process
5. Any other information added by the Lead Agency

Before the City Council can approve the WRF project it must first certify that the Final EIR:

- a) Has been completed in compliance with CEQA
- b) Was presented to the City Council who received and considered it prior to approve the project
- c) Reflects the City's independent judgement and analysis

Section 15004 of the CEQA guidelines state that before the approval of any project subject to CEQA, the Lead Agency must consider the FEIR document.

The FEIR for the WRF project incorporates the following chapters as a continuation of those included in the Draft EIR:

- Chapter 9: Introduction
- Chapter 10: Comment Letters and Responses
- Chapter 11: Clarifications and Modifications – Summary of changes made to the Draft EIR in response to comments received or initiated by the Lead Agency.

CEQA Process

Notice of Preparation and Public Scoping

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR was prepared and circulated for review by applicable local, state and federal agencies and the public for a 30-day period, running from August 8, 2016 to September 7, 2016. The City also held a public scoping meeting on August 8, 2016 at the Veterans Memorial Building to provide the public and public agencies opportunity to review and provide comment on the scope and content of the environmental review.

Notice of Availability

The Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIR was posted on April 3, 2018 with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Luis Obispo County. The DEIR was circulated to federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. Public copies of the DEIR were made available at the following locations:

- City website
- Morro Bay Public Library
- Cayucos Public Library
- Morro Bay City Offices
- Wastewater Treatment Office

The DEIR was made available for public review from March 30, 2018 through May 18, 2018. During the review period, the City held one CEQA public meeting to provide opportunity for interested persons to provide both written and oral comment on the DEIR and the proposed project. The DEIR was also reviewed by the WRFCAC on May 1,

2018, where input was received from both the public and WRFCAC members.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15088 requires the City, as Lead Agency, to evaluate comments on significant environmental issues received on the DEIR and to provide written responses. The City has incorporated written responses into Chapter 10 of the FEIR.

The City has prepared the FEIR and made it available to commenters and the public in general at the following locations:

- City of Morro Bay WRF website: <http://morrobaywrf.com>
- Morro Bay Public Library
- Cayucos Public Library
- Morro Bay City Offices
- Wastewater Treatment office

Prior to considering approval of the WRF project, the City, as Lead Agency, and more specifically the City Council, must review and certify the FEIR. Once the Final EIR is certified, the City Council may consider project approval.

The Project

The WRF facility is proposed to be located approximately ¼ mile Northerly of the South Bay Blvd exit from State Highway 1 within the unincorporated portion of the County, with the remaining proposed infrastructure located within the City. The proposed project would provide wastewater treatment services for the City of Morro Bay. The existing wastewater treatment facility would be replaced by the proposed project together with a new treatment facility, as a separate project, planned by the Cayucos Sanitary District (CSD), located adjacent to Toro Creek Road. The Final Draft EIR addresses all components of the project including the facility and all associated pumping and conveyance facilities including production and beneficial reuse of advanced treated recycled water that will meet or exceed all treatment requirements of the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The potential beneficial end use for the advanced treated recycled water is indirect potable reuse (IPR) through groundwater replenishment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission and Water Reclamation Facility Citizen Advisory Committee recommend adoption and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Water Reclamation Facility to City Council.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – [June 2018 FEIR](#)