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City of Morro Bay Newsletter
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Morro Bay Fire Department

LOOKING FORWARD TO GROUNDBREAKING IN 2010!

The Morro Bay Fire Department is entering the New Year on a high note after receiving a \$1,602,940 ARRA FEMA Fire Station Construction Grant. This federal grant will reduce the city's fire station construction costs from

There are so many things to do in Morro Bay, make sure not to miss these events!

- Embarcadero Art Walk
second Friday of each month
- Music by Captain Jimmy
Weekends
@ Anchor Park
- Community Farmer's Market
Thursdays, 3 to 5pm
@ Spencer's Market
- Fisherman's & Farmer's Market
Saturdays, 2:30 to 5pm
Morro Bay Blvd and Main St

For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 772-4467.

approximately \$3,000,000 to less than \$1,500,000. Prior to the federal government's release of grant funds, FEMA must first approve environmental and historic documentation for the project. The City was advised it will take 90-180 days to complete the documentation review and that 90-day mark is rapidly approaching. The City of Morro Bay intends to fund the remaining portion of the fire station construction project with a USDA loan until such time that the City property on San Jacinto and Coral is sold. The building design and construction plans are nearly finished with the Fire Department staff working closely with Fraser /Seiple Architects to make corrections in preparation for re-submittal. A public hearing about the fire

station construction project will be held during the January 25th City Council Meeting, at 7:00 PM, to allow for additional input from the public. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, we encourage you to make comments to Fire Chief Mike Pond at 772-6242.

NEW WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

Effective December 14, 2009

Municipal Code Section 13.04.345

B. Moderately Restricted Water Supply Conditions.

1. Use of water which results in excessive gutter runoff is prohibited.
2. Outdoor water use for washing vehicles, boats, buildings or other similar uses shall be attended and have hand-controlled water devices, typically including spring-loaded shutoff nozzles.
3. No water shall be used for cleaning driveways, patios parking lots, sidewalks, streets, or other such uses except where necessary to protect the public health or safety.
4. Outdoor Irrigation.
 - a. Outdoor irrigation is prohibited between the hours of ten a.m. and four p.m.
 - b. All consumers are directed to use no more water than necessary to maintain landscaping.
5. Marinas and Water front Installations.
 - a. Use of fresh water to wash down boats, docks, or other incidental activities shall be attended and have hand-controlled devices, typically including spring-loaded shutoff nozzles.
 - b. All hoses shall have spring-loaded shutoff nozzles or similar controlling devices.
6. Restaurants shall serve drinking water only in response to a specific request by a customer.
7. Newly planted landscaping or newly seeded lawns installed prior to the date these mandatory conservation requirements are imposed may be temporarily exempted from the provisions of subsection B1 of this section; provided, the owner/tenant establishes documentation satisfactory to the city conclusively proving the planting date. Any temporary exemption shall expire when the planting is sufficiently established to survive without excessive gutter runoff. All other conservation measures remain applicable during the temporary

2010 CENSUS

The push for the 2010 Census is gearing up. The Federal government will be hiring hundreds of part time workers to perform and provide background work for the 2010 Census. These positions pay \$11.75-\$17.00 per hour. Hours are flexible, 40 hours or less per week with potential mileage reimbursement. The application process includes a 30-minute pre-employment test. To find out details and to make an appointment for the test, call 1-866-861-2010 or contact Karen Swack at the Santa Maria office at 345-3650. For additional details check on-line at: www.2010censusjobs.gov

HARBOR DREDGING

For the first time in over 7 years, the federal government has authorized funds for dredging the interior channels in the Morro Bay Harbor through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) at a cost of approximately 8 million dollars. Every year the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has dredged the entrance channel but the southernmost Navy and Morro Channels have not been maintained since 2001-02. AIS Construction of Carpenteria was awarded the contract and has mobilized two pieces of equipment. The La Encina is a hydraulic dredge, which has been operating in the Entrance and Navy channels since November and will continue with the bulk of the dredging up until mid-February 2010 with a potential extension. The La Encina pumps the sand about two miles to the north discharging at the high tide line around Azure Street on Morro Strand Beach. The excavator barge Augustus has been working from mid-Embarcadero in a southerly direction and plans to be done with Navy and Morro Channel maintenance by the end of January 2010. The Augustus uses a 7.5 cubic yard bucket to dig material from shoals in the channel. The material is deposited in 100 foot scows that are towed to the near shore disposal site, one mile south of the south jetty in 20-40 feet of water. Dredging with a clamshell/excavator and scows is by nature somewhat noisy, however, the contractor has reduced operating hours to those as outlined in the City's noise ordinance. We ask your patience while this critical project is underway.

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