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CITY MANAGER APPOINTS VACATION RENTAL COMMITTEE AND ANNOUNCES NEW VACATION RENTAL AUDIT PROGRAM

Morro Bay, Calif. – The City Manager has appointed a Short-Term Vacation Rental Committee to help develop vacation rental policy recommendations for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council by the end of 2019. The goal will be to develop recommendations that address community concerns related to vacation rentals, including noise, parking, number of occupants, illegal operators and enforcement, as well as the number of vacation rentals to be allowed to legally operate in Morro Bay.

“This is a very important community discussion in Morro Bay,” stated City Manager, Scott Collins. “Thus, we must work hand in hand with our community to develop consensus on vacation rental policy, and this balanced committee of Morro Bay community members and business owners will be instrumental in that effort.”

Mayor John Headding and Councilmember Marlys McPherson will serve as moderators for the Committee. Committee participants were selected based upon their experience, perspectives on the issue, and commitment to working together with those who may disagree on this issue to develop balanced recommendations. The Committee members are as follows:

Susan Stewart, Planning Commissioner
Greg Finch, Vacation Rental Owner
Sean Green, Vacation Rental Owner
Maggie Juren, Vacation Rental Property Manager
Kathy Quigley, Community Member
Meredith Bates, Community Member
Pat Vaughan, Community Member
Amish Patel, Hotel Owner

Alternates:

Hemant Patel, Hotel Owner

Pat Reed, Community Member
Nick Juren, Vacation Rental Property Manager

The Committee will review several topic areas over the next several months and deliver recommendations to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will then review and make recommendations to the City Council for adoption in early 2020.

In addition, the City has contracted with [Host Compliance](#), a national firm that specializes in vacation rental policy development, analytics and auditing. Host Compliance will begin auditing vacation rentals in Morro Bay beginning in late October. The main goal of their efforts is to identify illegal vacation rentals and assist the City in bringing those operators into compliance.

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