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Project Title: Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Addendum

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| City: | Morro Bay | Zip: | 93442 |
| County: | San Luis Obispo |

| Project Location: | County: San Luis Obispo | City/Nearest Community: Morro Bay |
| Cross Streets: | South Bay Boulevard and Hwy 1 | Zip Code: 93442 |
| Lat./Long. (degrees, minutes, and seconds): | 35° 22′ 73″ N/120° 49′ 21.10″ W |

Assessor's Parcel No.: 073-101-017
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1
Waterways: Little Morro Creek, Morro Creek, Chorro Creek
Airports: 
Railways: 
Schools: Morro Bay High School

Document Type:

- CEQA: ☒ NOP
- CEQA: ☒ Early Cons
- CEQA: ☒ Neg Dec
- NEPA: ☒ NOI
- NEPA: ☒ EA
- NEPA: ☒ Draft EIS
- NEPA: ☒ Final Document
- NEPA: ☒ Other
- NEPA: ☒ Joint Document
- NEPA: ☒ FONSI

Local Action Type:

- ☒ General Plan Update
- ☒ General Plan Amendment
- ☒ Specific Plan
- ☒ Master Plan
- ☒ Planned Unit Development
- ☒ Site Plan
- ☒ Rezone
- ☒ Prezone
- ☒ Use Permit
- ☒ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
- ☒ Annexation
- ☒ Redevelopment
- ☒ Coastal Permit
- ☒ Other

Development Type:

- Residential: Units Acres Employees
- Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
- Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
- Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
- Educational
- Recreational
- Water Facilities: Type Groundwater injection well MGD
- Transportation: Type
- Mining: Mineral
- Power: Type MW
- Waste Treatment: Type Wastewater MGD 2.75
- Hazardous Waste: Type
- Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

- ☒ Aesthetic/Visual
- ☒ Fiscal
- ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding
- ☒ Recreation/Parks
- ☒ Vegetation
- ☒ Agricultural Land
- ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding
- ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard
- ☒ Schools/Universities
- ☒ Water Quality
- ☒ Air Quality
- ☒ Geologic/Seismic
- ☒ Septic Systems
- ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
- ☒ Archeological/Historical
- ☒ Minerals
- ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
- ☒ Wetland/Riparian
- ☒ Biological Resources
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Solid Waste
- ☒ Growth Inducement
- ☒ Coastal Zone
- ☒ Population/Housing Balance
- ☒ Toxic/Hazardous
- ☒ Land Use
- ☒ Drainage/Absorption
- ☒ Public Services/Facilities
- ☒ Traffic/Circulation
- ☒ Cumulative Effects
- ☒ Economic/Jobs
- ☒ Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Coastal Zone Estero Planning Area: Agriculture, Zoning: Agriculture

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The City of Morro Bay (City) is proposing to implement the Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Project (SCH 2016081027) (proposed project) to construct a water reclamation facility (WRF) that would provide wastewater treatment services for the City. The existing facility, the Morro Bay-Cayucos Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), would be replaced by the proposed project and eventually decommissioned and demolished. The proposed project is intended to provide opportunities for the City to produce...
and beneficially reuse advanced treated recycled water and to meet or exceed all wastewater treatment requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). In addition to the WRF, other facilities would include an administration, operations, and maintenance buildings; additions to the collection system, including one or more lift stations and pipelines to convey raw/treated water/wastewater flows to/from the WRF; and a new distribution system to convey advanced treated recycled water from the WRF to new groundwater injection wells in the Morro Valley Groundwater Basin. In August 2018, the City certified the Final EIR for the project described above. Subsequent to the certification of the EIR, minor modifications to the project were identified to avoid impacts to sensitive resources, improve reliability, and reduce the financial impacts to the City’s ratepayers.

This Addendum identifies minor modifications to the existing project which includes the rerouting of conveyance pipeline alignments, addition of a new lift station, rehabilitation of the existing ocean outfall, and identification of potential construction laydown sites.

The minor modifications to the project are further defined below:

- **Northern Alignment Modifications**
  - Re-routing the northern end of the conveyance pipeline’s alignment to lift station (PS-A). The new alignment would continue north along Highway 1 and would then travel west along Atascadero Road rather than turn west at Lila Keiser Park. The new alignment would completely avoid Lila Keiser Park. This would avoid Native American burial sites previously identified in the Final EIR.
  - Re-routing the East indirect potable reuse (IPR) Recycled Water Pipeline alignment to follow the West IPR pipeline alignment. The alignment would now be on the west side of Highway 1. Re-routing the northern end of the recycled water pipeline to the East IPR wellfield. The pipeline would now be along Highway 41 instead of Errol Street. The pipeline would be constructed within Highway 41/Atascadero and would travel under Highway 1; this crossing was not included previously in the Final EIR.
  - Constructing a forcemain between existing lift station (LS-2) and PS-B (described below). LS-2 is one of the City's three existing lift stations located on the Embarcadero at Front Street near the Morro Bay Maritime Museum.

- **Southern Alignment Modifications**
  - Re-routing the southern end of the conveyance pipeline as it leaves the proposed WRF. The pipeline alignment modification would stay within South Bay Boulevard headed southwest under Highway 1, turning at the corner of Quintana Road rather than traveling north on Teresa Road as analyzed in the Final EIR. This new alignment avoids having to tunnel under Highway 1 and avoids crossing one jurisdictional feature, and avoiding utility conflicts in Teresa Road.

  - The project modification would include a new lift station (PS-B) along the pipeline route. The lift station would be at the corner of Main Street, Quintana Road, and Highway 1, on a site owned by the City. It is currently a paved lot adjacent to a pet food store that is owned by the City. This project modification would allow for PS-A, which was included in the previous Final EIR, to be reduced in size/footprint, which would reduce the size of the facilities in the coastal flood hazard zone. Through the development of the detailed design for the lift station and pipelines, a second lift station was determined to be more cost and energy efficient.

  - Utilizing new laydown areas for materials and equipment during construction.

  - Over nearly 40 years of operation, significant quantities of sediment have accumulated in the outfall. This project modification includes removal of approximately 30 cubic yards of accumulated sediment that was identified in the Morro Bay Outfall Inspection (Ballard Diving & Salvage, 2011). Following removal of the sediment, duckbill-style check valves will be installed on 28 of the 34 diffusers. The City is making a significant capital investment in the construction of a new WRF. Rehabilitation of the outfall will reduce the vulnerability of the City’s overall wastewater treatment system and protect the City’s new investment.

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- [X] California Highway Patrol
- [X] Pesticide Regulation, Department of
- [X] Caltrans District # 5
- [X] Public Utilities Commission
Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: August 14, 2019
Ending Date: August 28, 2019

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