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**Dana Swanson**

**From:** Noah Smukler  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 8:56 AM  
**To:** Dave Buckingham; Dana Swanson  
**Subject:** Fw: Mid-Year Budget

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**From:** Homer Alexander <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2016 8:54 AM  
**To:** Jamie Irons; John Heading; Christine Johnson; Matt Makowetski; Noah Smukler  
**Cc:** Susan Slayton; Barbara Spagnola  
**Subject:** Mid-Year Budget

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

In my opinion, it would be more fiscally prudent if the \$100K OES windfall was used to pay down the USDA loan on the Fire House instead of spending it on additional studies. As you know the USDA loan is secured by Measure Q and it is serviced with Measure Q funds. In fact it wouldn't be a stretch to consider the \$100K as a Measure Q refund anyway. If memory serves me correctly Measure Q contributed to some of the City's out of pocket costs for the Apparatus Bay. Measure Q also paid for a big portion of the upfront costs for the rest of the Fire House.

Before you sign off on any new spending you might want to take a closer look at several accounts in the General Fund revenue sections in the Budget Performance Report.

Recently I have had the occasion to speak with several businesses in our hospitality industry and apparently January was not very good. They feel that now there is snow some folks are spending their travel dollars in the mountains and not on the coast. There is a possibility that some of the gains from last summer may be given back this winter/spring so increasing TOT beyond last year's actual by \$200K may be aggressive. Also, how is the price of gasoline going to impact Sales Tax revenue in the second half?

Isn't the bulk of the business licenses tax due in the first quarter?

The seven departments (6110-6160) that make up the Recreation Division may fall short of their budgets especially #'s 6150 and 6160. Remember that unlike the City's revenue from taxes which are paid in arrears, Recreation Fees are paid in advance so the YTD transactions are pretty accurate.

In my opinion the above four items might come up a half a million dollars short of their budgets (amended in the case of TOT if approved) at the end of the year. Hopefully there is additional revenue or reduced expenditures somewhere else in the General Fund to make up for the potential shortfall and to also cover the City Managers request for the additional \$200K in spending.

Homer Alexander



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# Californians Against Waste

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Mayor Jamie L. Irons & City Council Members  
City of Morro Bay  
595 Harbor Street  
Morro Bay, CA 93442

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**RE: Expanded Polystyrene Ban - SUPPORT**

Dear Mayor Irons & City Council Members,

Californians Against Waste (CAW) is an environmental policy and advocacy organization with thousands of members across Central and Southern California, and we respectfully urge your support for the expanded polystyrene ordinance scheduled to come before the City Council tomorrow.

Polystyrene takeout food packaging is a major, and easily preventable, source of pollution. Light, easily airborne, and prone to break into small pieces, it can be easily transported by wind and rain into the environment even when "properly" disposed of. With Californians using 165,000 tons of polystyrene each year for packaging and food containers, it's no surprise that beach cleanup studies show polystyrene to be one of the most common forms of litter. Plastic pollution has killed thousands of marine birds, sea turtles and other species, and threatens both human health as well as California's multi-billion dollar ocean-based economy. According to the US EPA, local governments in California spend as much as \$411 million each year to prevent plastic food packaging and other commonly littered items from ending up in streets, storm drains, beaches, rivers and the ocean. Those opposed to polystyrene alternatives due to cost differences don't take into account the burden and hidden cost of cleaning it up after use.

Recycling of this problem material is not a viable option. Despite decades of promises from the plastic industry for a comprehensive recycling infrastructure, no widespread recycling scheme for polystyrene has ever been successfully implemented over the long term. Along with limited recycling opportunities, food contamination issues and the lightweight quality of the material make it difficult to successfully recycle. Less than 1% is recycled. Moreover, due to the low market value of recycled polystyrene, recyclers can actually lose money.

Plastic pollution is a global problem with local solution. Over ninety cities and counties, including dozens of coastal communities, have already banned polystyrene. Such an accomplishment is a proven solution for combating waste as well as the costs associated with cleanup. We commend the City's leadership and urge you to adopt the polystyrene ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Murray".

Mark Murray  
Executive Director

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*Lynn Compton*, Supervisor District Four

*Debbie Arnold*, Supervisor District five



February 5, 2016  
Jaime Irons, Mayor of Morro Bay  
595 Harbor Street  
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Dear Mayor Irons,

The County Board of Supervisors asks that you partner with the County to address urgent shelter needs this winter for our homeless population who are living unsheltered.

On January 20, 2016, the County's Homeless Services Oversight Council recommended "The County and the other local jurisdictions agendize a declaration of a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code 8698 et seq. and consider making designated public facilities available for the duration of the state of emergency and allow persons who are unable to obtain housing to occupy the facilities for the duration of the crisis."

On February 2, the Board of Supervisors took the step of declaring a Shelter Crisis in San Luis Obispo County, pursuant to State Government Code Section 8698 et sequitur. In doing so, it made the finding that a significant number of persons in the county are unable to obtain shelter, and the lack of shelter poses a threat to the health and safety of the unsheltered persons. According to the most recent Homeless Point in Time Count in 2015, there were 1,515 homeless persons countywide on a single night. Of those persons, approximately 74% were unsheltered. The Board also took additional steps, which included the following actions:

- Made \$10,000 available for community organizations to use for Warming Centers. Organizations operating Warming Centers that wish to apply may do so by submitting a written letter to the County's Homeless Services Coordinator outlining the need, the amount of funding requested, and the purpose for which the funding is being sought.
- Encouraged community partners and communities within San Luis Obispo County to bring forward additional recommendations
- Directed County staff to further examine why existing shelters are not at full capacity
- Directed County staff to bring back options to the Board to streamline the land use permit process related to emergency shelters so that community organizations may be able to open or expand warming centers expeditiously in the unincorporated areas

Because of the scope of the need, the challenge of keeping people safe this winter will be best addressed by working together with cities and local nonprofits. To that end, our Board formally requests that your

City make a similar Shelter Crisis declaration. Additionally, we request that your City also consider making \$10,000 in new funding available for Warming Centers to homeless persons in your community and consider additional steps your City could take to help protect the health and safety of homeless persons in your City.

Thank you for your consideration. The Board of Supervisors welcomes the opportunity to work with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Compton".

Supervisor Lynn Compton  
Chairperson, San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

Cc:

Morro Bay City Council Members:

Matt Makowetski

John Headding

Noah Smukler

Morro Bay City Manager, David Buckingham

Christine Johnson

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**Dana Swanson**

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**From:** frank jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 9:43 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Fwd: warming shelters

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**From:** frank jones <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Monday, February 8, 2016  
**Subject:** warming shelters  
**To:** "[Council@morrobay.gov](mailto:Council@morrobay.gov)" <[Council@morrobay.gov](mailto:Council@morrobay.gov)>

I am writing to you today because I feel very passionate about warming shelters. They are a subject that tugs at the hearts of many, but from years of dealing with the homeless, I know how problematic shelters can really be. In order to operate a shelter safely, there must be a screening process in place. In our area, when Maxine Lewis sends people into overflow shelters, these people have been screened to protect the safety of all. These overflow shelters have monitors or chaperones that are up all night, again to ensure safety. Obtaining these monitors is a very difficult problem as was reported in the Tribune and also can be verified by speaking to the groups that operate these shelters.

I am aware that there is a proposal to open the Vet's Hall after the Monday night dinner and use it as a warming shelter. I find it amusing that anyone would assume it is only cold and rainy on Monday nights. Recently, a survey of the dinner guests was taken asking how many were interested in a shelter. Approximately 23 people showed interest. I have worked with the homeless for over 20 years, and the last 5 in Morro Bay. I have gotten to know our longtime homeless residents well enough to know that they choose to live outside because they refuse to follow the rules that are involved with shelters and subsidized housing. Aside from our local homeless, we also have a number of transients, some of which come to the Monday dinners, but many don't. I don't think the survey's number of 23 is realistic at all. We are dealing with an unknown number, especially if Morro Bay opened a shelter and neighboring towns didn't. Word travels quickly to those in need as to what is available.

I, too am involved with the Monday night dinners and I am also involved with those in need on a daily basis through outreach at St. Timothy's. I care deeply about those in need, but I am informed enough to know that I can't solve all of their problems. At the last monthly meeting of EBAC, the subject of warming shelters came up and Christine Johnson stated that Morro Bay would not have a shelter, but instead would transport to SLO. Those taking this survey were at this meeting. By ignoring Christine, and taking this survey, it has given hope when actually there is no plan in place to have a shelter.

Thank you for listening. I appreciate that you all work very hard for the betterment of all the people of Morro Bay, however, sometimes you just can't fix everything.

Sincerely, Bonnie Jones

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**Dana Swanson**

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**From:** Christine Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 9:56 AM  
**To:** Dana Swanson  
**Subject:** Fw: Warming Station

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FYI. For Item C7. Thanks.

Christine Johnson, Councilmember  
City of Morro Bay  
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From: Postmaster@morro-bay.ca.us <Postmaster@morro-bay.ca.us> on behalf of Christine Johnson <CJohnson@morro-bay.ca.us>  
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2016 8:39 PM  
To: Christine Johnson  
Subject: Fwd: Warming Station

Christine Johnson  
Councilmember, City of Morro Bay  
805-305-3759

NEW EMAIL: cjohnson@morrobayca.gov

>>> Bonnie & Roger Allen [REDACTED] 02/06/16 20:39 >>>

Noah and Christine,  
I was copied on the email from Bonnie J. on the warming station. Wanted you both to know that I too agree that spending any resources or energy on this issue should not be a priority for the City or any of it's volunteers. I have worked with the homeless here in Morro Bay for several years and can tell you that the folks that want help have been given all the information possible. The remaining .2% (25) are the hard core homeless that are unwilling to change their life-style. Unless and until they reach a rock bottom that number will not change. I believe Linda has given them false hopes with her survey and attracted others that too have not done their research in knowing what expense and responsibility this warming station would entail. I believe the City has more important issues to address. I personally will not give any of my volunteer time to this issue and will strongly advise others to concentrate on the already established Monday Night Meal. This program supports low-income residents as well as some homeless. Thank you for all you both do in our town to support our struggling community.

Bonnie Allen