

AGENDA ITEM: <u>VII-A</u>
DATE: <u>April 16, 2008</u>
ACTION: _____

CITY OF MORRO BAY  
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

(Complete audio- and videotapes of this meeting are available from the City upon request)

Veterans Memorial Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay  
Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Roger Ewing, Chair	
Jane Wilzbach	Bill Olson
Noah Smukler, Vice-Chair	June Krystoff-Jones
Matt Makowetski	John Zweemer

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.  
Members Present: Roger Ewing, Jane Wilzbach, Bill Olson, Noah Smukler, June Krystoff-Jones, Matt Makowetski, and John Zweemer  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Bruce Ambo, Bill Boucher, Rob Livick, Dylan Wade, Damaris Hanson and Cathy Weaver.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ewing called for a moment of silence.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: All Ayes.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Smukler noted the Air Pollution Control District was having a Lawn Mower Exchange Program. Call 781-1003 or go to [www.c-5.org/mower](http://www.c-5.org/mower) for more information. Another free workshop coming up April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> is “Our Water Our World.” Call Rachel Grossman at 772-6270 to register or [www.ourwaterourworld.org](http://www.ourwaterourworld.org) for more information. Surfrider is holding a Sustainability Social April 9<sup>th</sup> at SLO Botanical Gardens go to [www.slosurfrider.org](http://www.slosurfrider.org) for more information. Smukler also wanted to announce he is running for City Council.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Nancy Johnson announced the Garden Club was holding “Home Gardening CSI” April 19<sup>th</sup> at the SLO Vets Hall and April 25<sup>th</sup> was “Secret Gardens of the Central Coast” call 772-3738 for more information.

Bill Woodson stated there was a presentation on parking by Donald Shoup at the SLO County Library on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

A. Ewing introduced John Zweemer as the new Board Member

B. What is Morro Bay Beautiful? President Anne Reisner of Morro Bay Beautiful introduced a number of members who talked about the many different projects the club does.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2007.

MOTION: Olson to approve minutes as presented (Wilzbach 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Vote: 7-0

VIII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required. There was discussion on items the Board questioned including: street maintenance, developing a data base using GIS, cost of running the

Desalination Plant, groundwater permits, Navy Fuel Depot acquisition, Spring clean-up and recycling guide, stop sign at Kern with the Roundabout project, video inspections of collection system, GIS, Fire Stations, Nutmeg water tank, Desal Plant, and the MTBE issue.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Morro Valley Nitrate Analysis. Wade gave his presentation on the Cleath Study, and said he was there for an interactive discussion and feedback from the public. Different questions raised during discussion included: What does it cost to run the Desal Plant, When is Desal Plant used, operation and maintenance of Desal Plant, could nitrates come from broken sewer lines. People that spoke from the audience were:

Richard Sadowski disagreed with the report and thought the City should ban anymore building,

Marla Jo Brutan questioned the lack of environmental study done when the Desal Plant was built under emergency drought conditions and was only to be run under level five (5) drought conditions.

Joy Fitzhugh of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau commented she had read the report and was concerned about the number of times the report used terms like “assumption, potential, maybe, and may have.” She went on to say farmers were regulated and don’t ‘willy-nilly’ spread fertilizers everywhere.

Alison Jones with the Central Coast Water Board and lead staff on Conditional Agriculture Waiver Program explained regulations on commercial farming.

Hugh Smith a Farm Advisor with the University of California Extension asked if they surveyed the growers to see what they were applying and how much?

Board comments included moving wells upstream, how long to clean nitrates out of the water, different agencies and growers need to work together, continue the dialog, make the talks mandatory for all parties, consider organic farming, biological buffer zones, recharge aquifer and at what cost, farm management issues, reclaimed water, and look at monitoring same area twelve months from now. The audience was thanked for participating in the discussion.

B. Urban Forestry – Street Trees. Livick gave his presentation on City street tree management program. He stated this is his first presentation on Urban Forestry, and there would be more. Smukler suggested Livick take Morro Bay Beautiful’s offer of funding for replanting trees and invite them to next presentation. Zweemer wanted to encourage anyway getting more trees in the City. Wilzbach asked about enforcing the replacement of City trees. Krystoff-Jones said it was sad that no replanting was being done now. She suggested some ways to pay for replacement trees and see if City Recreation and Parks Department could do tree maintenance instead of contracting with outside arborist. Makowetski asked about grants and suggested he and Livick work together on future grants. Ewing commented on covering City tree costs with development impact fees.

MOTION: Smukler to recommend City Council do everything they can to incorporate a tree replanting and public education program, and prioritize that within the budget (Krystoff-Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>). Vote: 7-0

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Memo on tree removal in City Park, Bicycle Committee’s Unmet Needs Presentation, and Morro Bay Garbage Service Base Year Rate Adjustment Application.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, April 16, 2008.