

AGENDA ITEM: <u>VII-A</u>
DATE: <u>December 20, 2006</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, November 15, 2006

Vicki Landis, Chair  
Barry Dorfman, Vice Chair  
Roger Ewing

Bill Olson  
Noah Smukler  
Jane Wilzbach

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.  
Members Present: Vicki Landis, Barry Dorfman, Bill Olson, Roger Ewing, Noah Smukler and Jane Wilzbach  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Bill Boucher, Frank Cunningham, Janeen Burlingame and Cathy Weaver
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Landis called for a moment of silence.
- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Board consensus to accept Agenda as presented.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Landis said Boucher had an important announcement. Boucher explained the City was having a problem with its drinking water. Tests done today show the Nitrate level at 48 mg/liter and the State and Federal limit for Nitrates is 45 mg/liter. Water with high nitrates should not be given to infants, pregnant women should not drink the water; and people should not use the water to prepare juice or formula for infants. Infants under six months of age can become deadly ill very quickly if drinking this water and if untreated may die. Water with this level of nitrates interferes with the red blood cells ability to carry oxygen. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of skin; these symptoms used to be called blue baby syndrome; infants having these symptoms should get medical attention immediately. Infants, pregnant women, and the infirm should use bottled water until further notice. Do not boil the tap water. Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting it stand, etc. will not lower the level of the nitrates. Boiling the water can increase the concentration of nitrates. People with medical conditions may want to consult their doctors about using the water. We're in the middle of the State Water shut down and are using our ground water, which is susceptible to nitrates. When we received the nitrate test result today the well with the high level was shut down immediately. We will be taking samples starting tomorrow twice a day and if it doesn't clear up we will have the desalination plant up the next day. State Water will be back on line Monday around noon. Additional notifications will go out in the morning according to emergency protocols (which include doctor's offices, County Health, etc.). It was noted that reverse osmosis would filter out nitrates.
- V. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Landis noted they had received the bike committee's letter dated October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** Anne Reeves stated she was there in support of WiFi. She explained that it was a benefit to all concerned.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of September 19, 2006. Dorfman to approve the minutes of September 19, 2006, as presented (Wilzbach 2<sup>nd</sup> Olson abstained).  
Vote: 5-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required. Boucher went over his portion of the Director's Report which included Morro Bay Blvd/Quintana Roundabout; Harborwalk; Fire facility on Bonita St. in design stage; Sewer rate increases; and State Water update.

Ewing asked about Roger Pelletier's position, would it be filled? Boucher deferred to Cunningham. Cunningham went over his portion of the Director's Report which included: South Bay Blvd overlay; Creek Maintenance; Radcliffe/Main realignment; proposed Giannini Development; and Roger Pelletier is retiring after 22 years of service. His position will not be filled, and different people will pick up his duties. Cunningham said he would be handling tree issues. Sidewalk/handicap ramp locations, the MTBE issue, and the Main & Quintana project bike lane were also updated.

Burlingame gave an update on Charter's new local payment center, and stated the North Coast Transit Plan has arrived and will be scheduled for the PWAB meeting of 12/20/06.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None

X. NEW BUSINESS: Summary of AB2987 Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006. Staff recommendation is to receive report. Burlingame gave her staff report presentation on AB2987, which covers the franchising of video services. Questions raised included: could the State issue more than one franchise for service in Morro Bay; when could Charter get out of the existing franchise – 2013 or if a state franchise holder begins service in Morro Bay; would franchise fees go up if another service comes in; requirements for Public Access channels would remain the same for new services; how will the State pay for this; fees were discussed; emergency alert service; public right-of-ways; pooled resources of different communities; satellite providers; Wi Fi not included in this bill; not known if this bill will be a positive or a negative for the community yet. Ratepayers advocacy and limited income discount was questioned. Burlingame explained this was informational and there was no action needed.

Dorfman asked that the board be notified immediately if someone contacted the city about bringing a new service in. Burlingame explained that the City would not have any control over the new franchises.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: North Coast Transit Plan; Discussion/Action on Impact of WiFi; Scenic Byways, Community Gateways, Sewer rate distribution breakdown; Green City Accords, WiFi, an update on north Main St bike lane to Yerba Buena. Ewing described a program on planting trees being on future Agenda (Green Cities Accord).

XII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2006, at the Veteran's Hall.