



## CITY OF MORRO BAY

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#### City Transitions Morro Bay Cares Program

Morro Bay, CA – In March, the City of Morro Bay announced the launch of the Morro Bay Cares program to help those in greatest need in our community, inform the general community and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Since its inception nearly 100 days ago, city volunteers, Morro Bay CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), have made over 7,500 calls assisting Estero Bay community members with grocery and/or RX needs.

As the State moves forward with guidance to return to normal life, the Morro Bay Cares program will be placed on hold until further notice. In the interim, Morro Bay Cares will take the form of Morro Bay Connects with the intent of pairing up those who need help with volunteers in the community. Morro Bay Connects will work to locate volunteers and match them with those in need.

“The Morro Bay Cares program was put together through a collaboration of the City and a local volunteer base lead by local residents, Marty and Roni Lomeli. The program later transitioned to the City’s Recreation staff, who have done a fantastic job fielding the various calls, coordinating efforts with volunteers, and serving the Estero Bay community”, said Morro Bay Recreation Services Manager Kirk Carmichael. “Equally, the time and efforts put forth by our citizen volunteers is a true reflection of the kind and caring people found here in our community.”

If you would like more information on this program or other general information on City programs and efforts to help curtail the spread of this disease, please visit our City COVID-19 information page at <http://www.morrobayca.gov/covid19>.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Morro Bay Connects at 805.772.6278.