



# **NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP**



### WHEN:

Thursday, February 25, 2016 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

### WHERE:

Morro Bay Community Center Multi-Purpose Room 1001 Kennedy Way

## WHAT:

- Project Update
- Possible Location for Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) at Righetti Site
- Neighborhood Input and Project Objectives







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## THE CITY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

#### WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS

Since the Coastal Commission's January 2013 action to deny a permit for construction of an upgraded wastewater treatment plant at its existing location, the City has worked hard to find a new site that meets its long-term goals. The nearly 3-year site selection process has been based on careful technical analysis and robust public input. Some of the key milestones in the process include:

- City studies 17 sites for possible WRF, and narrows it to 7 (Fall 2013)
- City Council confirms WRF goals and recommends sites for further study (December 2013)
- City Council identifies Morro Valley as preferred location, with focus on Rancho Colina (May 2014)
- City studies regional facility at CMC; Morro Valley still preferred (December 2014)
- City explores property acquisition issues at Morro Valley sites (2015-16)
- City performs technical studies at Morro Valley sites, including Righetti (2015-16)
- New information suggests Righetti may be preferable to Rancho Colina (February 2016)
- Community Workshop with Righetti neighbors (February 2016)

### WHAT'S NEXT?

- WRF Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting (March 1, 2016)
- City Council to discuss and consider site selection (March 8, 2016)
- Facility Master Plan and Environmental Studies on selected site (2016)
- Additional public input will refine project design and location (2016-17)
- Master Reclamation Plan (2016-17)

### **KEY ISSUES AT THE RIGHETTI SITE**

- Visual Compatibility
  - How close to neighboring homes?
  - Where would the new WRF be visible from?
  - Possible architectural design solutions
  - How to integrate the project into the environment
- Odors
  - Wind direction's role
  - Technology to minimize odors
- Traffic and Access
  - How much traffic will be generated? Where?
  - Will there be site access through existing neighborhoods?
- Meeting other City Goals on the Site
  - Are other uses appropriate (such as a corporation yard)?
- Costs
  - How does WRF development at Righetti compare to other sites?
  - How would the lifecycle costs to pump wastewater to both sites compare?
  - Potentially \$2 million less in pipeline construction cost compared to Rancho Colina
  - Higher purchase cost is expected at Righetti property
- Others?
  - Come give us your feedback

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- City Council Staff Report (February 4, 2016)
- Updated Report on Council Recommended WRF Sites (February 3, 2016)
  - http://www.morro-bay.ca.us/ArchiveCenter/ ViewFile/Item/2682