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City Manager Appoints Blue Ribbon Commission for the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Project

Morro Bay, CA – Morro Bay City Manager, Scott Collins, announced today that he is forming a Blue Ribbon Commission to evaluate the costs and potential rate increases associated with the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The Commission will be charged with providing an independent review and recommendation to the various advisory committees and City Council.

“As most residents and business owners are concerned about the financial impacts of the project, I am delighted we have a great group of individuals with exceptional finance and business experience to provide an independent review of costs and potential rate increases for the WRF project,” stated Mr. Collins.

The Blue Ribbon Commission adds a third layer of review to the project in addition to advisory committees and City Council. The WRF project awaits proposals for the facility, which will help determine costs and set the stage for review of potential rate increases. Those discussions will take place at the advisory committees and City Council, most likely in May through July 2018.

The Blue Ribbon Committee roster includes the following Morro Bay residents:

- John Martin, a member of the Citizens’ Oversight/Finance Advisory Committee, is a certified Public Finance Officer with spent 23 years in public sector management, serving his final 8 years as general manager of a water district.
- Barbara Spagnola, a member of the Citizens’ Oversight/Finance Advisory Committee and WRF Citizen Advisory Committee, spent over 25 years in business management, contract negotiations and budgeting.
- Homer Alexander, a former member of the Measure Q Oversight Committee, is a retired small business owner.
- Joan Solu, previous chair of the Morro Bay Tourism Business Improvement District Board, has worked in the hotel industry since 1989, and has owned and operated several hotels and motels in Morro Bay.

To learn more about the WRF project, please visit: <http://morrobaywrf.com/>