

AGENDA ITEM:   A-2  

DATE:   June 04, 2024  

ACTION:   APPROVED  

ACTION MINUTES – MORRO BAY PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 7, 2024  
VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL – 6:00 PM

PRESENT:	Bill Roschen	Chairperson
	Mike Rodriguez	Vice-Chairperson
	Joe Ingraffia	Commissioner
	Asia King	Commissioner
	Eric Meyer	Commissioner

STAFF:	Michael Codron	Interim Community Development Director
	Kim Fowler	Interim Planning Manager
	Lona Laymon	City Attorney

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

<https://youtu.be/0m8E1Dzvwqo?t=76>

PLANNING COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

<https://youtu.be/0m8E1Dzvwqo?t=118>

None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

<https://youtu.be/0m8E1Dzvwqo?t=124>

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, commented on how he hoped the commissioners wouldn't voice their opinions on the night's agenda subject.

Joyce Hunter, Morro Bay, commented on the last Vistra meeting she attended and the history of EIRs.

Bill Martony, Morro Bay, stated that the Coastal Commission's meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> at the Inn at Morro Bay, is a good place to voice concerns about the BESS project.

Carla Wixom, Morro Bay, Mayor of Morro Bay, mentioned she will be holding office hours on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am at the Community Center and encouraged anyone to stop by and share whatever they wanted to talk about.

Dorn Williams, Morro Bay, commented on the California Coastline and voiced to Vistra we will not be bought.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, commented on the Campaign Sign Ordinance versus the Business Sign Ordinance, it's been overlooked and wasn't put back in, she would like staff to bring it back to the planning commission, then city council, since it's not the same as the Business Sign Ordinance.

Chair Roschen closed the Public Comment Period

<https://youtu.be/0m8E1Dzvwqo?t=607>

Public Participation:

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- *Community members are encouraged to submit agenda correspondence in advance of the meeting via email to the Community Development office at [planningcommission@morrobayca.gov](mailto:planningcommission@morrobayca.gov) prior to the meeting.*
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- *Alternatively, members of the public may watch the meeting and speak during general Public Comment or on a specific agenda item by logging in to the Zoom webinar using the information provided below. Please use the "raise hand" feature to indicate your desire to provide public comment. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to provide input.*

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- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82722747698?pwd=aWZpTzcwTHIRk9xaTlMwVNW/RWFUQT09>

*Password: 135692*

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## PRESENTATIONS

### A. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### **A-1** Current and Advanced Planning Processing List

**Staff Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairperson Rodriguez moved to approve and receive and file current and advanced planning processing list. Commissioner Meyer seconded, and the motion passes 5-0, with King, Roschen, Rodriguez, Ingrassia, and Meyer voting yes.

### B. PUBLIC HEARING

None

C. NEW BUSINESS

- C-1** Workshop to Receive Public Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Vistra Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project (1290 Embarcadero - CDP20-026/CUP20-14); Morro Bay Power Company LLC).  
This Planning Commission Workshop will provide members of the public an additional opportunity to make comments on the DEIR.

Michael Codron, Interim Director introduced Kim Fowler, Interim Planning Manager, Lona Laymon, City Attorney's office, Rincon representative and EIR Lead, Chris Bersbach, and consultant, John Rickenbach.

Michael stated tonight's meeting was a workshop, staff and commissioners' job was to listen to the public comments on the Draft EIR, no decisions or deliberations were being made tonight, and recommended the best way to make a public comment on an EIR, is by writing a letter or an email.

Chair Roschen clarified the commissioners need to keep their comments or questions to staff and applicant, as informational questions only.

Vice Chair Rodriguez confirmed the close of public comments for the EIR is May 28, 2024.

Chris Bersbach, Senior Environmental Planner, Rincon Consultants, presented the workshop information.

Chair Roschen opened the Public Comment period.  
<https://youtu.be/0m8E1Dzvwqo?t=2418>

Steve Ray, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Paul Donnely, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Bill Martony, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Natalia Merzoyan, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Steve Page, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR

Judy Setting, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Doug Hall, Los Osos, commented on the DEIR.

Pam Dougherty, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Rachel Wilson, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Carol Swain, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

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Tina Metzger, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Joyce Hunter, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Nicole Dorfman, Morro Bay, commented on the DEIR.

Pedro Toscano, commented on the DEIR.

Chair Roschen closed the Public Comment period.

<https://youtu.be/0m8E1Dzvwqo?t=5057>

Commissioners provided comments.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

E. PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner King commented on continuing the housing discussion, possibly having a speaker come in.

F. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Codron commented on meetings from March and April that were cancelled, and there would be agenda items in the foreseeable future.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm to the next regular Planning Commission meeting at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, on May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.