

Plan for Services

The Sphere of Influence (SOI) Amendment requested for APNs: 073-075-002 and portions of 073-076-016 within the City’s Future Sphere of Influence are evaluated on the ‘Seven Service Review Factors’ outlined in the City of Morro Bay’s 2017 Municipal Service Review (MSR).

1. Growth and population projections for the affected area

No development proposal has been proposed at this time. Will Serve letters will be requested from appropriate service entities and provided at time of the annexation request.

2. Location and characteristics of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities

According to the San Luis Obispo County Council of Government’s Disadvantaged Communities Map Viewer, a majority of the City of Morro Bay has been designated as a Disadvantaged Community, with the following variable point totals. It is important to note that based on the State’s definition of disadvantaged communities, no census tracts within the San Luis Obispo region are designated as a disadvantaged community. However, creating a regional definition of disadvantaged communities for the San Luis Obispo region provides better competition for grant funding, equitable distribution of funds, and meet the state and federal environmental justice requirements. p The total number of points available is 350.

Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities Variables	Total Point Value
Racial Minority	0
Ethnic Minority	0
Disability Status	40
Household Income	10
Free or Reduced-Price Meals	10
Educational Attainment	15
Language Proficiency	0
Renter Affordability	20
Housing Ownership Affordability	20
Older Adults	20
Youth	0
Households with No Vehicle Available	10
Households with No Computing Device Available	10
Disadvantaged Community	155

The City’s General Plan includes a separate chapter on Environmental Justice and specifies goals and policies, as well as implementing actions.

3. Present and planned capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services including infrastructure needs or deficiencies

The Future SOI designation and associated areas were analyzed during the City’s environmental review and preparation of the General Plan (GP) and Local Coastal Plan

(LCP) Environmental Impact Report. There is sufficient capacity to provide water and wastewater service to these areas in the anticipated General Plan buildout.

In addition to water and wastewater services, the 5 lots in the Future SOI will need to be served by police and fire protection services, and other public services such as libraries or schools. The General Plan and Local Coastal Plan Update maximum population for Morro Bay is 12,062, per Table LU-2; however, growth (including any potential expansion of the SOI) in Morro Bay must be consistent with Measure F, limiting the city population to 12,200 residents. In order to exceed this number Morro Bay would need to secure additional water resources and a majority of voters would need to elect to remove the limit.

At the time of annexation and/or development, impacts would need to be evaluated and fees or other mitigations implemented to offset those impacts would be determined.

4. Financial ability of agencies to provide services

Cost related to the connection of utilities to serve the annexed properties will be the responsibility of the property owner/applicant for the proposed development project.

5. Status of, and opportunity for, shared facilities

The City's existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) no longer provides adequate capacity for the existing population; however, the city is constructing a new Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), which is designed to meet existing needs and future demand. Completion of the new WRF, as well as implementation of the OneWater Morro Bay master plan and the policies in the General Plan and LCP Update Conservation Element ensure adequate wastewater systems and infrastructure to meet future demands.

Based on the water supply projections presented in the OneWater Morro Bay Plan, the city's water supply would be sufficient to meet the projected demand of the development envisioned in the General Plan and LCP Update.

The 5 Future SOI lots will, as appropriate, utilize existing roadways to connect and provide access to.

6. Accountability for community service needs including governmental structure and operational efficiencies

Not applicable to the SOI Amendment.

7. Any other matter related to effective or efficient service delivery, as required by commission policy

None at this time.