

GET INVOLVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

VOLUNTEER

The Estuary Program relies on many volunteers to share their skills and knowledge for the restoration and protection of Morro Bay. Whether they are collecting water samples, planting native shrubs, or helping with community outreach, our volunteers make a big impact.

DONATE

Support our projects to promote clean water and restore natural habitat.

LEARN

Visit our Nature Center in Marina Square or join us at a variety of annual events around the bay such as DogFest and Coastal Clean Up Day. We can also host field trips and give lectures for residents and students. We strive to provide hands-on ways to learn about this local treasure.

CLEAN WATER PLEDGE

Be part of the clean water solution. Commit to picking up after your pet, keeping trash in the can, and turning off the tap. Take the Clean Water Pledge in our Nature Center or online at:
MBNEP.org/clean-water-pledge



ESTUARY NATURE CENTER

Open to the public every day 10am–6pm
(10am–5pm January and February)
Free admission

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**PROTECTING & RESTORING
MORRO BAY, CA**

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WHO WE ARE

The Morro Bay National Estuary Program protects and restores the Morro Bay estuary. Established in 1995, we bring together citizens, local governments, nonprofits, state and federal agencies, and landowners to ensure that the bay stays clean and healthy. A clean and healthy Morro Bay means a vibrant local economy, healthy residents, and a flourishing natural environment.

WHERE & WHY



"The bay and estuary are our identity and our economy. Be it fishing, or tourism, or our quality of life, everything revolves around a healthy bay. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of this wonderful gift."

— Craig Schmidt
Morro Bay Resident

OUR WORK

**WE REDUCE
POLLUTION
AND PROTECT
NATURAL AREAS.**



Restoration & Conservation

We've protected over 4,000 acres of critical habitat for birds and wildlife and restored over 400 acres of degraded habitat.

We're working to reduce erosion at up to 80 sites on rural dirt roads to prevent more than 9,000 cubic yards of sediment from entering the bay.

Outreach & Education

5,500 guests visit the Estuary Nature Center to learn more about Morro Bay each month during the summer.

As part of the Morro Bay Mutt Mitts Program, we provide over 200,000 free pet waste bags per year to keep bacteria out of the bay.

Monitoring & Research

Over 50 volunteers donate more than 700 hours per year to our monitoring program.

We monitor bacteria levels and water quality at 35 sites in the watershed to make sure the bay is safe for people and wildlife alike.

**WE EDUCATE
RESIDENTS AND
VISITORS ABOUT
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**WE ASSESS
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