

# A Panel Topic Plan for the Hidden History Project

Historical Society of Morro Bay -- 20 April 2019

Settlement Era to WWI	Working Waterfront	Historic Pre Morro Bay	WWII	Between the Wars	Postwar
Panel is done.	Research is done, or mostly done.				
Franklin Riley  Historic downtown; Old Town streets are the same as when they were surveyed by Franklin Riley in 1872.	Boatyard  Machine Shop	Native Peoples: The story about the excavation for the power plant, and the remains and artifacts found there  Native Peoples: A story about how the tribes might have lived here.	The Trestle Bridge  Building the Embarcadero: As part of WWII effort, the Navy built a usable harbor in the estuary.	Artists' Colony  WPA	the Power Plant: its purpose and building  the Power Plant: its architecture and distinctive features
Old 5th Street (MB Blvd)	[Topic Reserved: The Tidelands Controversy]	Discovery and Conquest: The colonization of the region by the Spanish	Amphibious Training Base	Standard Oil: The long story of using Estero Bay as a port for the loading and off loading of petroleum products	The Growth of Tourism
Morro Bay residents seek help to build a better harbor, 1920 - 1940	Rise and Fall of Commercial Fishing	Ranchos and Californios: The secularization of the mission; break up of mission land; land grants; white acquisition	[Topic Reserved: Wartime in Morro Bay	The building of Highway 1 through Big Sur, and how it affected Morro Bay.	Incorporation: from first attempt in 1951 to success in 1964; what was the fight about?
Immigration: The waves of european people moving to MB following CA statehood in 1848.	Abalone: How the abalone fishery was foundational for MB, its rapid rise and drastic failure.		Quonset Huts: the story of these amazing buildings, illustrated by MB photos	Happy Jack's Bar: Today the Siren is located here, the longest running business of the same type in MB.	
Carp Lake  [Topic reserved: The Link to the Central Valley (crosses much time)	[Topic Reserved: The Quota Agreement (perhaps use South Bay trawler to give the story life)]  Measure D: The local law to protect commercial fishing, and what it means.  Sportfishing: the start and growth of a new form of commercial fishing in the 1950's  The story of Joe Giannini, a leading fisherman and civic activist in the early 1950's.		The Nagano Story: The very influential Japanese-American family who moved to MB in the 1910's.  War Comes to the Central Coast (this is a key part of the story)	Rum Running in MB: Was MB a wide open town, with booze landing below the bluff in the 1920's?	