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Cal Poly Students Display Ideas for Morro Bay Conference Center

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly students in Architecture Professor Kenneth Kohlen's class will display their design ideas Friday for a conference center and hotel under consideration in Morro Bay.

The students will display their proposals for judges in a competition between 1:15 and 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the Architecture Building on campus. The display is open to the public.

The City of Morro Bay has requested proposals to develop a hotel and conference center on the old Anthony's restaurant site overlooking the Embarcadero and harbor. A consultant hired by the city recommended developing a 150-room conference center-hotel with a banquet-conference room capable of seating 250 people, a restaurant and some retail space, Kohlen said.

Morro Bay Public Services Director Bruce Ambo met with Kohlen's students earlier this spring to explain the recommendations. Fourth-year architecture students in Kohlen's design lab then went to work on their visions for the center.

The students' designs include a center with a 250-car parking garage, a user-friendly plaza bridging the 20-foot change between Market Street and the Embarcadero. The entire complex would be completely accessible to the handicapped, Kohlen said.

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