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## Artist in Residence Installation on May 3-7, 2022

### ***CSU Monterey Bay Student-Artist Taylor Paige Prentiss Presents: “Home: The Things We Carry” at Last Chance Mercantile***

Taylor Paige Prentiss, a Visual and Public Art (VPA) senior at California State University, Monterey Bay, has been selected to be the 2022 Artist in Residence (AIR) at the Monterey Regional Waste Management (MRWMD). The AIR Program is a partnership between MRWMD, CSUMB’s VPA department and the Last Chance Mercantile. Since 2016, student artists from CSUMB are selected for a fellowship at MRWMD. The artists work in the yard at Last Chance Mercantile. While on-site, they salvage for discarded materials in the store as well as the Materials Recovery Facility that processes the community’s recyclable items. Their discoveries are then upcycled into meaningful art.

Paige will present her project, “Home: The Things We Carry”, at a special installation from May 3-7 at Last Chance Mercantile, located at the MRWMD, 14201 Del Monte Avenue, north of Marina, in unincorporated Monterey County. The installation can be viewed during store hours, Tuesday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to a reception and meet-and-greet on Thursday, May 5 at 2 p.m. Paige will exhibit, discuss her work, and answer questions.

Paige’s AIR installation will exhibit sculptures that explore the idea of home. “Home is different for each person and is constantly changing,” said Paige. “These pieces are meant to challenge the audience’s idea of home, while connecting to individuals who do not have traditional homes.”

“We are proud to continue this great tradition and relationship with the local art community and CSU Monterey Bay,” said Felipe Melchor, general manager of MRWMD. “Taylor’s impactful work will help inspire creative reuse and educate our community about the importance of repurposing and upcycling materials.”

Taylor Paige Prentiss is a mixed media artist from Los Angeles. Her mediums include sculpture, illustration, digital art and photography. She will graduate with a B.A. in Visual and Public Art from CSUMB this May.



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The finished artwork will also be shared on MRWMD's Instagram page at [instagram.com/mrwmd\\_org](https://www.instagram.com/mrwmd_org). Learn more about the program and previous artists in residence at [mrwmd.org/artist-in-residence/](https://www.mrwmd.org/artist-in-residence/). A portfolio of Paige's art can be found at [taylorpaigeart.com](https://taylorpaigeart.com), and you can follow her professional journey on Instagram at [@taylorpaige.art](https://www.instagram.com/taylorpaige.art).

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Monterey Regional Waste Management District** (MRWMD) is located just north of Marina at 14201 Del Monte Blvd., Monterey County, CA 93933-1670, serving a population of approximately 170,000 in 853 square miles, including the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Seaside, and the unincorporated areas of Big Sur, Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley, Castroville, Corral De Tierra, Laguna Seca, Moss Landing, Pebble Beach, San Benancio, and Toro Park. Call 831-384-5313 for information or visit [www.mrwmd.org](https://www.mrwmd.org)

**Last Chance Mercantile** (LCM), located at the Monterey Regional Waste Management District, is a thrift store operated by the Veterans Transition Center (VTC). VTC provides homeless veterans and their families with food, clothing, case management, life skills, substance abuse counseling, benefit enrollment, medical referrals, employment training, and housing. Since opening in 1991, the Last Chance Mercantile has been serving the community by redirecting used goods and discards that still have life from the landfill. LCM sells these goods that have either been donated or salvaged. It is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 831-264-6900 or visit [lastchancemercantile.org](https://lastchancemercantile.org) for more information.