

# AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

San Luis Obispo County, California  
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May 14, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chair Anne Brown at 7:02 p.m.

Present- Anne Brown, Sherri Danoff, Lynn Helenius, Julia Hartzell, Boyd Horne, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Lynn Walter, Jim Hartig, Denise Allen, Karin Argano, Karla Bittner (alt)

April 2012 minutes approved unanimously

Chair Comments- Flood control meeting May 18, 2012-Pismo Beach

LAFCO meeting May 17, 2012 9.a.m. SLO Gov. Center 9 a.m.

Public Comment-Sandy Sigurdson introduced herself as interim Manager of the Avila Beach Resort. Permanent Manager will be announced soon.

Treasure Report-Julia Hartzell. Balance \$681.78. Expenditures-\$97.60 for Yahoo web site (14 months). \$15.09 for name plate for Jan Taylor.

County Reports:

Sheriff- no one present

Planning- Ryan Hostetter--Advisory Council training will be May 18, 2012 8:30-noon.  
County Gov. Center

New project-the tank farm monitoring wells will be taken down and the County will begin monitoring the removal of these wells. Sherri reported that the Land Use Committee recommends that any cultural material found during the removal of these wells be catalogued and stored for possible future display by a non-profit in Avila. Ryan said that cultural material storage guidelines are set by state law and that any material found belongs to the owner of the land.

Bob Pusanik asked Ryan to explain the letter from Planning to AVAC regarding applications for events (both profit and non-profit). Ryan explained that the tax collector makes the determination and approval for such events.

Public Works-Dave Flynn--gave an update on evacuation routes for roads and bridge in Avila. Routes look good. The east side of the Avila beach bridge could have some issues during a seismic event--the sand could settle (possible liquefaction). Cal trans will address this and be doing a voluntary seismic retrofit which would be subsurface. A contract should be approved by July, then presented to the Board of Supervisors after which repairs will be begin.

A study for a walkway along the bridge as part of the Harford Trail is being considered.

Anne asked for an update on the progress of San Luis Parkway being made into a one way street. There are issues with the garbage company so it may be better to use speed bumps. No decision has been made.

Cal Fire--Batt. Chief Paul Lee introduced himself as the new Commander of Station 62.

He has lived here since 1996 and his most important priority is prevention. Weed

abatement is most important at this time of year. Chief Lee was asked about the access/parking along Blue Heron Rd. during events at the Avila Golf Course. Lee said that there have been recommendations made to the owners including limiting parking spots, the use of low barriers and more red signs. Cal Fire believes that the events center has been working on a safety plan. Compliance is an ongoing issue.

Fire Chief Rob Lewin gave an update on the readiness of our Cal Fire for the upcoming fire season. He also spoke about progress on the paramedic position at Station 62--discussions are ongoing.

County Supervisor Adam Hill gave a heads up on the Budget hearing May 15, 2012. He predicted that cuts could be profound at all levels, but our county's financial house is in order.

Old business-none

Community Liaisons:

Avila Business Association--Karin Argano reported ABA will hold elections at the next meeting in Sept.

Avila Beach Civic Association--Anne Brown reported there will be a Social May 17, 2012, 5:30 to 7:30 at the Community Center. All residents are welcome.

Avila Beach Foundation--not here

Port San Luis--Steve McGrath reported the budget will be discussed next meeting, as well as the trailer park, and the Marine Sanctuary.

New Business--Denise Allen reported on the Open House on Land Use Economic Study that she attended. Very Informative.

AVAC Committees:

Land Use--Sherri Danoff made a motion that AVAC recommend to County Planning that Planning monitor the tank farm wells for cultural materials and that these materials should be researched, documented and retained for possible display at a later date by a non-profit in Avila. Much discussion followed. It was moved and seconded--passed 7 to 5.

Diablo--Ken Thompson reported the outage is 50% complete. Independent safety committee will meet June 19, 2012 with a tour of the plant. Reservations required.

Avila Beach--Susan Devine reported that Avila Beach trash complaints have been addressed by Rick (of the Foundation), Karin (ABA) and herself (Adam Hills Office) and a resolution is forthcoming--new cans will be bought. The cost will be \$660.00 per can. The cost will be born by the Foundation (1/2) and businesses (1/2). Dedication plaques can be put on cans.

San Luis Bay Estates--no report

Avila Valley--no report

See Canyon--no report

Squire Canyon--fire prevention is on everyone's mind

Next meeting June 11, 2012

Adjourn 8:45p.p