

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

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1. **Call to Order:** by Chair, Jim Hartig for regular meeting at 7:00pm, at the PG&E Energy Education Center.

Roll Call (present): Mary Matakovich, Lisa Newton, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Marti Brand (alt), Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Martin Suits, Lynn Walter (alt), Denise Allen, and Kirt Collins. Roll Call (excused): Ken Thompson, Steve Benedict, Saul Goldberg, and Carol Hayden (alt). Mike Casola, Liz Guho-Johnson (alt), and Margaret Greenough were not present. Quorum established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made by Matakovich and seconded by Suits to approve minutes. Approval of minutes by vote was unanimous.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig: It was a quiet month – no comments from the Chair.
4. **Public Comments:** There were two public comments. (1) Shirley Goetz, resident of Avila Beach, spoke to the general homelessness issue and advocated for people to call the social services when they see a homeless person that might need help in the Avila community. (2) Katie Sturtevant from the Avila Beach Resort asked the Chair to consider adding her organization to the agenda so that she could provide a monthly update of Resort Events. Also, the resort just finished a successful meeting with all the public agencies as they are getting ready to kick-off the summer season.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell: There were no expenses for March 2019 and the checking balance remains at \$1,751.63.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
  - a) **Sheriff** – Commander Michael Manuele: This was indeed a quiet month. There were 103 Calls for Service which resulted in 12 reports. There was one assault, five disturbances, one burglary (power equipment stolen from a construction site), four thefts, one incident of vandalism of a front porch, and three suspicious circumstances. Also of note, there were two trespassers at Diablo Canyon who were detained and identified. There were two arrests for public intoxication in Avila. Questions from the public included: Who should be called for people driving erratically in the parking lot, the Harbor or the Sheriff? Answer: If it is an emergency – call 911 and the switchboard will get the right people there and quickly. Another question was regarding a homeless individual who was vandalizing rocks, benches and other public property items with a pen. The Sherriff responded that it isn't a crime to be homeless however it is a crime to vandalize so that activity should be called in. He added he would look into that issue.
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  - c) **Highway Patrol** –Sergeant Heiderbrink: not present -no report.
  - d) **CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee: not present -no report.

- e) **Planning** - Sara Sanders: Updates to the Avila Planning and Building Projects include: Project #1 (PG&E North Ranch Road Improvements) the environmental document is being written and will result in a negative declaration, Project #2 (Salucci/Hodge Three hotel units on one lot) has been appealed to the Coastal Commission and is awaiting the Commission's decision to hear the case), Project #11 (Spearman Residence on Avila Beach Drive) the conditional use permit was approved, Project #13 (PG&E Communications facility) is undergoing environmental review. A question was asked regarding the follow up from last meeting on pulling the application for the tank farm due to it being a long time without progress on the application. Sara answered that the planner was ready to pull the application however the planning supervisor is holding up that action because of the need for starting the cleanup of that property. Discussions with the applicant are ongoing.
- f) **Public Works** - Dave Flynn: The Avila Beach Drive Bridge seismic retrofit project is finished! No more lane closures or traffic delays. The Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow will cover a discussion of the 4-way stop considered to be added to the corner of San Antonio and First Street. The interchange at San Luis Bay Drive and Ontario road has been studied by a consultant who prepared a short-term, mid-term and future proposal to handle the traffic. As of now the best short term approach is an all-way stop. Dave passed out a drawing of the proposal and said that comments were welcome. This was reviewed with the Land Use Committee and that committee supports the proposal. Changeable message signs will be employed starting mid-May and continuing through the summer season. The messages could provide visitors information on parking, traffic and events.
- g) **County Parks** - Nick Franco: not present, no report.
- h) **Port San Luis** - Andrea Lueker:

Avila Pier – the District is working to get the Avila Pier opened up to bent 59 which is about halfway down the pier. There was a dive survey done on the pier last week to look at the pile conditions – as recommended by the engineering firm of Moffat and Nichol. The focus, pending any catastrophic results from the pile inspection, is to be open prior to summer.

Harbor Terrace Project continues; the State Department of Housing and Community Development are reviewing the plans now, which will then go to the County. Concurrently, Red Tail is working on construction bid documents and speaking to contractors.

Rate Study – the District has retained Clayton Tuckfield to do a water and sewer rate study for Port San Luis. The study will provide criteria for the rates for the Harbor Terrace project as well as fine-tuning existing rates.

Saturnia – the District is focusing on the next two-week period for removal of the vessel Saturnia from Fishermen's Beach. The removal will be conducted either by the vessel owner or by the District.

Crab Season – the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that commercial crab season will end early on April 15th, approximately two months early to avoid Whale entanglement issues. Salmon Season and Rock Cod season have just opened and we had a successful opening weekend.

The Jr. Lifeguard Program is taking sign-ups and conducting tryouts during the next month. Great program for your children or grandchildren, ages 10-16. The program focuses on character development and providing a rigorous curriculum including padding, running, swimming, outrigger canoe, first aid/CPR and basic lifeguarding. Information can be found on their website [www.avialbeachjuniorguards.org](http://www.avialbeachjuniorguards.org).

- i) **County Supervisor** - Adam Hill (Nicole Nix for Adam Hill): Nicole mentioned that Adam was preparing this night for a very large agenda board meeting the next day. Based on AVAC's questions from last meeting, Nicole brought a wealth of information regarding the current state of water in the Avila Area, including the level of reservoirs in the county. A question was asked about the requirements for amount of water in the 22-home cluster development being developed on Ontario Road. Last month AVAC heard that the County only required 4.5 acre-feet for the whole development, but individual home owners off Ontario Road are required to have .5 acre-feet. Nicole said she would contact the knowledgeable person in the County and get the information back to AVAC. Another question was asked about the status of the Resort Events application. Nicole answered that the application is still pending and on hold and with the legal counsel. Adam plans on bringing the decision to AVAC when it is ready.

7. **Old Business:** None.

8. **New Business:** None.

9. **Community Liaisons:**

- a) **Avila Beach Civic Association** - Lisa Newton: The Easter festival will be April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:30. There has been many eggs made for this event and it promises to be as popular and fun as always.
- b) **Avila Beach Foundation** - Rick Cohen: Nothing to report.
- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels: Diablo Canyon completed its refueling outage as well as its tunnel cleaning and both units are now running at 100% power. Eric reminded the community that high winds are forecast this week. Pre-emptive shutdowns of portions of the power grid are not foreseen because there are no concurrent factors of heat, low humidity and dry fire fuel. Eric also mentioned that PG&E just hired a new CEO and 10 new Directors to their Board. On April 12-13 helicopters will be in the area inspecting transmission lines – this depends on the weather of course. The decommissioning panel is continuing with their internal meetings and the next public meeting will be in June.

10. **AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use** - Sherri Danoff: Sherri commented that the Land Use Committee was encouraged by working with County Parks on the Avila Parking and Events Traffic plan that community concerns were being listened to and sound solutions are being worked on. There is still disagreement regarding the level of service considered for the Avila Beach Drive Capacity study but there continues to be discussion.
- b. **Diablo** - Ken Thompson: not present and no report.
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich: nothing to add.

- d. **Avila Beach** - Anne Brown: no report.
  - e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - Jim Hartig: Nothing to report.
  - f. **Avila Valley**: - Julia Hartzell: Nothing to add.
  - g. **See Canyon** - Denise Allen: Nothing to report.
  - h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirt Collins: Kirt is concerned about the recent and more frequent accidents at the corner of Monte Road near the 101 interchange. People are going too fast. He asked County Parks to consider a way of slowing down traffic or making the stop sign more visible.
  - i. **Ad Hoc Committees** - Jim Hartig: No meetings were held last month, nothing to report.
11. **Next meeting date**: Monday, May 13, 2019
12. **Adjourn**: Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lynn Walter  
Secretary