

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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**December 9, 2019**

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

Roll Call (present): Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Steve Benedict, Denise Allen, Kirt Collins, Margaret Greenough. Quorum established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Benedict) to approve the amended November 4, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was approved.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig indicated that he was re-elected to represent the San Luis Bay Estates for the coming year. Saul Goldberg's successor is Michael Clayton. Also, Jim indicated that Public Works will be presenting a Public Meeting/Open House before our next AVAC meeting, 1/13/20 at 6PM to share the Avila Drive Round-about and answer questions. There will be a presentation as well at the 7PM AVAC meeting.
4. **Public Comments:** There were four public comments. (1) Katy Surtevant of the Avila Resort commented on the Avila by the Sea events scheduled as well the next one on 12/17 from 4-6PM at the Resort Building. RSVPs are requested at [Avilabythesea.org](http://Avilabythesea.org). (2) Mary Chiu shared the Avila Beach Life edition and complimented the Council and the Public Services for their work for our community..(3) Martin Marin spoke about his concern for the "needless slaughter of wildlife" along Avila Beach Drive due to the 45 mph speed limit. He asked for help on this issue. (4) Karen Suits representing Indian Hills was grateful for the fire mitigation program.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell reported that there was \$268.17 for HostGator expenditure this past month. The checking balance is now \$1,427.44
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**

a) **Sheriff** – Sheriff Commander Justin Nelson reported there were 93 calls for service with 9 reports filed. He suggested that residents be aware of their package deliveries at their front doors.

b) **Highway Patrol** – Sgt. Heiderbrink reported only one arrest in November. He suggested with the party season at hand to secure designated drivers. He also addressed the question of traffic or road issues by calling the CHP Office (805)594-8700 to register a "Traffic Compliant." If there is a dead animal on the road, call 911 as it would be considered an emergency.

**c) CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee's written report indicated that the local Fire Safety Council has supported grants for San Luis Bay Estates and Squire Canyon. They have requested approval to use state funds to begin work in the Spring. His safety tip is to be careful of lighted candles, especially around children and pets.:

**d) Planning** - No report. Though later in the meeting, Supervisor Hill distributed a Dec. 9 Projects Chart..

**e) Public Works** - Dave Flynn alerted the Council to the increase in Construction Impact fees to \$10,304 and these fees will go into effect on March 1,2020. Traffic Matrix will be folded into the Avila Community Plan. The Ontario Road speed limit question went to the Bicycle Advisory Council focusing on San Luis Bay Drive/Higuera and they concurred with the 50mph limit. CalTrans is looking at the north-bound entrance to the freeway off of San Luis Bay Drive as well the all-way stop.

**f) County Parks** - Nick Franco stated they are working with the private owners on the Ontario Ridge Trail to establish easements. Cave Landing has developed plans now to handle a number of conditions previously addressed from the last application. They are applying for a permit and then the next step will be to secure funding. Regarding the Bob Jones Trail, it was suggested that Parks address the low-hanging branches.

**g) Port San Luis** - Andrea Lueker indicated that on Nov. 26, Redtail Acquisitions received permit approval; a big accomplishment supported by the County. Crab season will be opened Dec. 15. The Board of Commissioners will have an all-day meeting beginning at 9AM to develop goals and objectives. A few options for the Avila Pier will be presented at the next Commissioners' meeting. The District has applied for grants to support the pier rehabilitation. Harbor Patrol stats:

48 inter-harbor contacts, 3 out of harbor contacts, 13 assists. 1 rescue.

**h) County Supervisor** - Supervisor Adam Hill distributed the Final Budget pamphlet for the County and answered questions about it. The closing date for applicants to apply for the Planner position which will support Avila and Diablo Canyon is Dec. 18; he anticipates the position to be filled in a timely fashion. The Consent Agenda #27 item at the Supervisors' meeting will provide the funding for the continuation of the Avila Envision Plan. Hill talked about PG&E and its status with bankruptcy and he estimated that it will be at least 6 months before this is settled. He noted that the hearing on the Avila Beach Resort application will be rescheduled in order to resolve the matter before it goes to the supervisors. The staff report will have the details of this application to be continued.

7. **Old Business:** Officer Nomination Committee 2020 Report was given by Mary El Hansen. Slate proposed: nJim Hartig, President, Steve Benedict, Vice President, Mary Matakovich, Secretary, Julia Hartzell, Treasurer. This slate will be voted on at the January meeting.

8. **New Business:-** None

9. **Community Liaisons:**

**a) Avila Beach Civic Association** – Anne Brown invited everyone to the December 13, Christmas Potluck. There will be a short meeting, dinner and Santa's arrival.

**b) Avila Beach Foundation** - Rick Cohen announced that the Foundation is giving a total of 17 grants for a total of \$66,000 for the coming year. Organizations and projects receiving grants are as follows: Avila Beach Civic Association, Avila Beach Jr. Lifeguards, Avila Beach, Bellevue-San Fe Charter School, Cancer Well Fit, Central Coast Aquarium, Friends of Avila Pier, KCBX Radio, Noor Foundation of San Luis Obispo, Operation Surf, People Self-Help Housing, Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers, Port San Luis Harbor District, South County Area Transit, Surfrider Foundation.

- c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels stated that the outage in the works and that three complicated, interdependent reports required for decommissioning have been completed.

**10. AVAC Committees:**

- a. **Land Use** - Sherri Danoff reported that the committee is working on the McCarthy house project and a small proposed winery across the road from the charter school. Staff has been requested to provide more information on both projects, as well to be present when the committee meets.
- b. **Diablo** - Ken Thompson recommended that if a person wants to be informed as to the work of the Decommissioning Panel go to [diablocanyonpanel.org](http://diablocanyonpanel.org)
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich encouraged everyone to participate in the Avila Beach Polar Beach Plunge on January 1, noon at Avila Pier.
- d. **Avila Beach** - Anne Brown stated that the committee is working on a project which requires more information from the County.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - Jim Hartig: No report
- f. **Avila Valley**: - Julia Hartzell noted that the project #8 on the project chart has been noted as “accepted for process” and so, she will follow-up with the County.
- g. **See Canyon** - Denise Allen requested Supervisor Hill to support the mitigation for the Devincenzo Development in See Canyon.
- h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirt Collins - no report
- i. **Ad Hoc Committees** - No report

**11. Next meeting date:** Monday, January 13, 7PM

**12. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary Matakovich  
Substitute Secretary