

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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1. **Call to Order:** by the Chair, Jim Hartig, for regular meeting at 7:00pm, via Zoom.

Roll Call (present): Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Marti Bland, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Martin Suits, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Denise Allen, Kirt Collins, Lisa Newton, Bill Crewe, Carol Hayden, Margaret Greenough. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded (Benedict/Danoff) to approve the October 5, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig thanked the veterans for their service.

4. **Public Comment:** No written comments received.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell reported that there was one expense, Zoom Meeting fee - \$14.99. The balance is \$940.19.

6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**

a) **Sheriff** – Lt. Stuart MacDonald's report shared the following: 75 calls for service compared to 71 last year: one assault, 10 disturbances, 1 burglary, 8 thefts, 1 vandalism, 1 phone scam, one suspicious circumstance, 27 enforcement stops, 22 preventative patrol activities, and 32 Covid Compliance checks.

b) **Highway Patrol** – Commander Greg Klingenberg's report indicated that there were five collisions with three non-jury collisions (two of which were deer vs vehicles), two minor injury collisions (one of which involved two bicycles striking each other; no motor vehicles involved).

c) **CAL Fire** - Batt. Chief Paul Lee's report stated that Fire Season is still here with a slight downturn with the winter weather. Make sure to be ready for rain; clean your gutters and make sure that your roof is sealed. A revised All Risks Pre-attack Map for Avila Beach and Pismo Beach areas is in the process of being updated after the Avila Fire. The map is critical to ensure quick containment of fires. The maps will be printed in January. Time to think of Vegetation Management Projects for 2021. Grant funding is available. The grant writing season starts soon. Pull your ideas together. Scope work should be at least 7+ crew. Contact Chief Lee for a kick-off meeting. Time Change Quiz Answer: Change your smoke alarm batteries.

d) **Planning** - Planner Kimmie Nguyen announced that the Avila Community Plan Preliminary Report has been reviewed with comments made by the Avila Ad-hoc Committee. The committee will be meeting to review the input on Friday at 10:30. There will be a Community Event on 12/12 at 10:00 AM to discuss circulation and transportation. There will be an emphasis on more collaboration at this event as the last event's feedback was there was a need for more interaction. Having virtual meetings presents a challenge. Kimmie presented the projects in progress: 1,3,4,5,11 and the approved projects 16 and 17. There was a question about Item 10 as to the status of its application, also regarding item 11 as to how much of the work being done is rehabilitation of the wetlands and work on the actual project since the project has not yet been approved. More info to follow.

e) **Public Works – John Waddell's report stated that there are no significant updates. The Road Impact Fee reports are going to the Board of Supervisors for approval on Nov. 17. County covered this with our subcommittee and they have discussed this at the last meeting.**

Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Panel heard his report on traffic and desalination. These issues may be brought up at AVAC; however, it seems more appropriate at the Panel Meetings.

e) County Parks – Nick Franco’s report stated that they have received a permit for Cave Landing Project and there were no appeals. Next step is at the Coastal Conservancy where a grant is filed; meeting on Nov. 19. If the grant is approved, then staff will fully detail a complete cost estimate to determine the remaining funding needed. Then staff will go to the Board of Supervisors in January or February to accept the grant and fill-in the funding gap as well as to allocate ongoing support for an additional Ranger and the ongoing cost of trash collection.

g) Harbor District – Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker shared that the Harbor Terrace Project is in its 38 week. The fine grading on the District’s lots for trailer boat storage, harbor yard and gear storage is slated for this week along with grading on the roads. Hydroseeding is scheduled for erosion control. Utility work along Avila Beach Drive is slated for late November/early December. The Coastal Conservancy will likely award a \$250K grant this week to the District for the Avila Pier Project. The Commercial Crab Season is delayed after a Department of Fish and Wildlife assessed the marine life entanglement risk. This is due to the high concentration of Humpback Whales within the fishing grounds. The start of the Commercial season will be delayed until Dec. 1. There will be a review mid-Nov.to confirm. Good news! Domoic Acid is not an issue as it has been in the past. Harbor Patrol Policy Manual has been adopted at the October Harbor Commission Meeting. This new manual provides up-to-date policy templates, systematic updates and training from the provider, Lexipol. This manual will be posted on the website, shortly. Regarding the Whale Incident, a Public Service announcement has been posted providing instructions on how to view these majestic creatures. The take-away is to stay at least 100 yds away from them as well from any area with bait fish or birds diving. The Harbor District relies on the public being educated as to how to observe these whales. This information is posted around the district with support from CA Fish and Wildlife and NOAA. The federal statute, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, prohibits the “taking” of marine mammals. The law will be enforced.

h) County Supervisor – No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Ken Thompson indicated that he is contacting members of the Council to fill the positions vacant. Those positions are: Chair and Vice Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer positions now have solid candidates, while the Chair and Vice Chair still need council members to fill those positions. Jim asked council members to step up and fill those positions and Ken will continue to contact all members.

Community Liaisons

- a) Avila Beach Civic Association** – Anne Brown indicated that the association is developing its slate of officers. The center continues to be closed.
- b) Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen stated that the stolen panel is being replaced by the artist. The Interpretative Signs along the Bob Jones Trail have been placed. Also, there will be a 2- Part Walking Quiz with a raffle drawing for those who participate; go to the Foundation’s website for more information.
- c) PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels announced that Unit 1 was successfully returned to full-service. Point Buchon is open with its 1.8 mile loop on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 – 4PM. Go to Diablo Trails.org for more information.

10. AVAC Committees:

- a. Land Use** – Sherri Danoff presented a draft letter for the Avila Beach Drive/101 Round-About Project. **Motion made and seconded (Danoff/Hartig) to send the letter. Motion carried. On Another topic, Sherri reviewed the committee recommendations on the Cool Development and it was suggested that she forward the complete letter to the council for their review and approval before sending it.**

- b. Diablo** – Ken Thompson said there will be an Emergency Response Drill on 12/2 at Diablo Canyon. More info to follow next month from Eric. They also discussed new designs for the dry casks storage for the spent fuel rods to expedite decommissioning and demolition. The

Decommissioning Engagement Panel's last meeting is available on their Website @ <https://diablocanyonpanel.org>

- c. **Port** – No report
 - d. **Avila Beach** – Garris project plans are available at the CSD. Committee is reviewing
 - e. **San Luis Bay Estates** - No report
 - f. **Avila Valley** – No report
 - g. **See Canyon** – No report
 - h. **Squire Canyon** – No report
 - i. **Ad Hoc Committee** – Meeting on Friday, November 13, 10:30am for the committee members.
11. **Next meeting date:** Monday, **December 14**, 7 PM
12. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Matakovich, Secretary