

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): Steve Benedict, Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Marti Brand, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Michael Clayton, Carol Hayden, Denise Allen, Margaret Greenough, Anne Brown, Lisa Newton, Bill Crewe. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded (Sheri/Mary Matakovich) to approve the December 14, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

3. **Introductions of New Officers:** *Chair:* Steve Benedict *Vice Chair:* Kirt Collins *Secretary:* Margaret Greenough, *Treasurer:* Denise Allen

4. **Approve New Officers:** Motion was made and seconded Danoff/Thompson

5. **Chair's Comments:** Steve Benedict thanks former officers and welcomes new officers. Sherri presents Jim Hartig an award of excellence and expresses thanks for excellent work. Jim has offered to guide new chair and maintain the website.

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

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Julia Hartzell gives the final year-end report for 2020.
December expenses: Zoom 14.99.
Funding Check from County: \$1500.
Balance in Checking Acct: \$2407.41
Total 2020 Expenses: \$508.93

Denise Allen will take over next month.

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

- a) **Sheriff** – No report received, no representative present.
- b) **Highway Patrol** – Captain Klingenberg. no report, no collisions last month. Ken Thompson asks for a summary of the year from 2020, any issues the community should be aware of for the Avila area. Mary El Hansen asks for statistical analysis of number of collisions SLB drive and Ontario road. She feels there has been a significant decrease in collisions at this intersection after the improvements the county made.
- c) **Cal Fire:** Battalion Chief Paul Lee. 47 Calls for Service 3% over call volume from 2019. Overall increase in medical calls, increase in open water and open space calls for service. Today started baseline staffing, a decrease from peak fire season. FD has activated COVID POD's for fast-tracking vaccine administration. Plan is activating this week. With the small amount of rain received control burns are underway. They are prepping for the lighthouse burn as well. Firehouse grant applications are being accepted, grant applications will be approved based on community betterment and vegetation abatement. Evict your Christmas Trees, Michael Clayton clarifies that Christmas Trees must be cut up and placed in the green waste. Some yard burning is permitted currently. No burn permits have been issued. Kimmie Nguyen asks about COVID related calls, Chief Lee cannot comment, no testing performed.

- d) **Planning** - Planner Kimmie Nguyen's introduces Susan Strachan new Diablo Canyon decommissioning representative who gives her background. Regarding the project spreadsheet. Project #3 moving forward will be at the planning commission in February. #4 planning staff has received a second submittal. #14 Chevron Project resort project. Chevron will withdraw this permit, re-apply with a scaled down version. Julia Hartzell asks re. #21 Little Sprouts, wondering if this has been approved and asking for the spreadsheet to be updated. Sherri asks #10 mentions resubmittal in December, Kimmie confirms ABR is in information hold (most likely to add events component).
- e) **Public Works** – John Waddell could not attend and noted that there are no significant updates.
- f) **County Parks** – Nick Franco could not attend. He was able to send email. No significant updates on projects which have been slowed by the holidays and COVID. Cave landing is moving forward.
- g) **Harbor District** – Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker. Week 47 of Harbor Terrace project, overall project has been slowed by weather and COVID. No camping at the port currently, no reservations being taken for 2021 yet. Crab season opened but due to price no fisherman have been going out. County health signed off on new Fish Market on the pier, permit allows sales W/Sa/Su. Special Meeting January 14 scheduled re. COVID and an overview of pension fish market. There has been flooding in the parking lot recently due to high tide, creek and a valve the county maintains. Dawn Ortiz asks about the location of the county maintained valve. Valve is in the SW corner of the parking lot with functioning issues due to large swell, high tide and sand build-up. Corner of the parking lot near the post office is flooded. Ken asks when the fish market will open, permitted to open now but no one is selling product currently. Mary asks port's responsibility on Port's policy re. whales in the area. The District does not have a specific policy but are looking into it. They don't have jurisdiction to cite anyone interfering with the whales. Kirt Collins supported local control and jurisdiction to protect the whales. The port will continue to work on notification and education.
- h) **County Supervisor** –Supervisor Ortiz-Legg thanks public safety. She introduces Aiden Beals as new legislative assistant. Thanks Susan Devine for being part of the transition team as well. Sup Ortiz-Legg is working on the district 3 website to make it easier to obtain information. Aiden will be working on rebuilding links and updating current data. The supervisor's office is working on educating citizens where to obtain information re vaccine administration. Hoping for February 1 administration to 75 and older population. County is going to be focusing on vaccine administration, case tracking and economic recovery. \$19 million has been spent on COVID, we are \$21 million over budget this year, county may need to use 1090 funds. May need to create a task force to help small business obtain federal money. Mike Clayton states French Hospital has completed their first wave of vaccinations. They are stymied by distribution of vaccinations by the CDC. Hoping to set up vaccination centers for seniors soon. He gave an update on COVID response locally, specifically as it pertains to hospital capacity. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg also presented Anne Brown with a certificate of recognition for over 20 years of dedicated community service. Dawn is available by: email – dortizlegg@co.slo.ca.us and phone 805-781-5450.

9. **Old Business:** None

10. **New Business:** The chair proposed 2021 meeting dates for review. Once open, the PGE education center will be the ongoing meeting location.

11. **Community Liaisons**

- 1. **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Anne Brown, no report.
- 2. **Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen acknowledged Anne Brown for her years of service on AVAC, and reported that 15 community grants for 2021 were awarded in amounts the same as given recipients in 2020. The Foundation dispensed with the usual application process due to Pandemic related issues affecting many of the Avila agencies. Rick thanked the outgoing AVAC officers for their service, and welcomed the new officers.

3. **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels reports on the unit currently offline and plans for the refueling. Unit 2 is still offline, the hope is to have it functional for the summer power surges. PGE is working with Siemens the manufacturer on troubleshooting the current problems. They will be conduction vibration reduction enhancements and further operational testing. The unit will be on and offline to evaluate the actions taken over the coming weeks. The previously scheduled refueling outage will be moved from April to mid-March which will provide ample time to address the vibration issue on the non-nuclear (generator) side. Ken Thompson had sent a few questions, particularly in regards to a steel supplier (Kobe steel?) which has alleged record falsifications. Eric provided reassurance, no defective materials were known to be used in the spent fuel casks. Eric then welcomed and introduced new PGE CEO Patty Poppe and provided a professional biography. He confirmed he has reserved the PGE education center for AVAC use when COVID allows.

12. AVAC Committees:

- a. **Land Use** – Sherri Danoff no report.
- b. **Diablo** – Ken Thompson The NRC will be holding a Public Meeting on Jan. 26, 2021 to discuss the license renewal for the Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Diablo Canyon. PG&E is planning to submit the renewal application by the end of this year and this is a pre-submittal meeting. PG&E will make a presentation and the public will have an opportunity to communicate to the NRC. Ken will provide the NRC contact information for those who want to listen in and comment.
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich No report
- d. **Avila Beach** – Anne Brown no report.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** – Jim Hartig no report.
- f. **Avila Valley** – Julia Hartzell no additional report.
- g. **See Canyon** – Denise Allen no report.
- h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirk Collins no report.
- i. **Ad Hoc Committee** – Jim Hartig said that the committee will review the next draft of the Avila Plan sometime this month.

13. Next meeting date: Monday, **February 8th, 2021** - 7 PM

14. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted:
Margaret Greenough, Secretary