

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

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1. **Call to Order:** by the Chair, Steve Benedict, 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, Curtis Cole, Denise Allen, Carol Hayden, Margaret Greenough, Anne Gaebe Hall, John Janowicz, Lisa Newton, Bill Crewe. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the April, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments:** Steve Benedict welcomes the group and indicates he will be travelling in June during the next AVAC meeting. The Vice Chair is unavailable and Denise Allen volunteered to chair the meeting on June 14.

4. **Public Comment:** Written comments reviewed. Max McBride would like the speed limit lowered on Avila Beach Drive from San Juan St to Port San Luis Campground. He feels 40mph is too fast and is a danger to pedestrians and bicycle riders. Nick Franco weighed in, this would be the purview of Public Works and CHP. Comment from Shirley Goetz, a thank you to District 3 Supervisor's assistance in replacing the missing 'Avila Beach is a Bird Sanctuary' sign.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Denise Allen gives the April report.

No Expenses This month

Balance in Checking Acct: \$2347.25.

Spent \$44.97 in Zoom fees (covered several months)

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

- a) **Sheriff** – no representative present, there is an incident in San Luis Obispo, sheriff is on a call

- b) **Highway Patrol** – no representative present, CHP is on a call

- c) **Cal Fire:** Battalion Chief Paul Lee. 44 Calls for service, 26 of which were medically related. One of note was a hiker in distress on Johnson Ranch. Project on Ontario Ridge and Cave Landing vegetation management. Barron Canyon secondary access. Squire Canyon grant funded work with CCC, some work will be done. Burning is suspended outside of agricultural burning. Recommends weed abatement. Brush fuel moisture is very low, mow or weed whack before 10AM. They are happy to come out and give advice.

- d) **Planning** – Airlin Singewald updates us on the Avila Community plan. They are on track to release the plan for public review at the end of this week. The public has 90 days to submit comments. There will also be an EIR. They are in the process of recruiting a long range planner but Kimmie Nguyen is no longer in the role. He introduces Nicole Ellis our new liaison to planning department. She responds to questions on the project plan:

- a. Denise Allen: project 4 across from the Avila Barn (Cool project). When it was initially presented the project was for 3 family homes, conserve the oaks and restore the wetlands. She points out there have been many oaks removed. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg we need clarification on the owner of property. Ms. Ellis will look into it. Sherri requests a copy of the revised plans.

- b. Julia Hartzell: Avila Valley committee has the King project they would like to discuss offline
 - c. Ms. Ellis notes she will have a more updated list in June
- e) **Public Works** – John Waddell is not able to attend. He did send a letter. “Roads crews have been completing routine road maintenance in the Ontario Road and Monte Road area and responding to requests for service. This week, we responded to a request from Jim Hartig to trim vegetation growing into the bike paths on Avila Beach Drive and Ontario Road. Please thank Jim. As always, residents can call 805-781-5252 or email publicworks@co.slo.ca.us with any road maintenance requests.”
- f) **County Parks** – Nick Franco reports.
- a. Cave Landing project moving forward. The encampment will be completely cleared out this week with help from social services. The parking lot will be closed 2 days this week to move the final residents of the encampment, removing trash and doing vegetation management. Road will be closed about halfway up. The larger project will start this fall, fixing the parking lot, installing trash cans.
 - b. Bob Jones trail will move forward with its 18.5 million dollar grant.
 - c. Mary Matakovich: wonders where the people from the encampment are being moved. NF it is not one place, they are all going different places.
 - d. Kirt Collins: thanks NF and Supervisor Ortiz Legg for their dedication.
- g) **Harbor District** – Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker could not attend but sends notes:
- a. **Harbor terrace project:** in week 63, ‘comfort stations’ are installed. Park Model RV’s are in. Gear storage is going to be moved.
 - b. **Paid Parking:** All parking on the pier is going to become paid parking. Hartford landing 36 of the 250 spots will become paid parking. No further overnight parking from 11pm to 4am (with exceptions and permits issued)
 - c. **Army Corp of engineers:** Will be planting extended eel grass habitat in expectation of destroying some habitat during the breakwater repair.
 - **Harbor Patrol Key Statistics** – N/A
- h) **County Supervisor** –Supervisor Ortiz-Legg: She addresses the recent shooting in San Luis Obispo. She commends Mr. Franco on his efforts to move the encampment in a safe manner. At the board of supervisors meeting there was much discussion on the unhoused population and strategies to mitigate it. There will be a budget discussion at the next BOS meeting. Recoverslo.org has distributed money to some small business in Avila. There is outreach for some of the rent relief and the rent moratorium. Unfortunately Dawn’s feed cut out here and further minutes couldn’t be recorded.
- a. Dawn is available by: email – dortizlegg@co.slo.ca.us and phone 805-781-5450.

7. **Old Business:** None

8. **New Business:** Tom Jones PGE on decommissioning permit and presents a power point.

- a. They invite AVAC members to visit Diablo at any times.
- b. He reviews maps of PGE Diablo and off site facilities including sites where materials could be offloaded. Also shows the nuclear regulatory commission map 750 acres and discusses the need to have minimal radiation residually after decommissioning.
- c. Reviews the agency approval process. Plan is to have the CDP approval by 2025
- d. Reviews the other decommissioning projects occurring in California.
- e. Summarizes the public engagement.

9. **Community Liaisons**

- a. **Avila Beach Civic Association** – The Avila Beach Community Center is still not allowed to reopen even though SLO County has moved into the orange Tier. They are hoping to reopen in the yellow zone by June 15th. Thanks to all of you who have renewed your Avila Beach Civic Association memberships. Please let us know if you

have any questions or want to be involved in preparing the Center when we are allowed to reopen. Call 805-627-1997 or email avilabeachcc@gmail.com.

- b. **Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen. Path-point seasonal beach project began today will be ongoing MWF 9-11AM, they will be removing loose sand. RTA will begin trolley service on 7/10/21. Avila Farmers Market will probably not occur this year.
- c. **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels. Unit 2 is back at 100% and is ready support the load demands moving into the summer. He addressed the intermittent outages last week, this was due to a failed voltage regulator. It was difficult to identify the cause and location of the voltage regulator that had failed. They will be doing increased vegetation management in See Canyon. Dr. Clayton thanks PGE for the automated text messages that notify the public re. the outages. Mary C mentions intermittent power outages last week, 5-10 second bursts.

12. AVAC Committees:

- a. **Land Use** – Sherri Danoff. Project 15 (the interchange project) did update the project description to include language AVAC had requested. Sherri expressed thanks to Planning Commissioner Spearman for championing this. The committee is reviewing the Avila golf course application for a resort. Although the application includes event facilities, events are not included in the application. At Sherri's request, Susan Strachan updates they can provide the county's letter to the committee of the items PG&E needs to complete for the Diablo decommissioning application to go forward.
 - i. Denise Allen comments on the DREAM initiative where citizens voted to preserve the Diablo Lands. She is extremely concerned about Wild Cherry Canyon, Home Fed's plans, the potential for development and increased traffic through Avila Beach. She wants to reiterate the importance of Diablo Lands to the community. She hopes the community will continue to be involved in the Diablo land use discussion as decommissioning progresses
- b. **Diablo** – Ken Thompson talked about the AVAC response to the PG&E Decommissioning Permit Application. The analysis of the PG&E Documents and creation of DRAFT AVAC Response Letter was conducted by Sherri Danoff, Lynn Walter and Ken. Concerns were in the areas of Transportation, Spent Fuel, Desalination Facility and General issues. Letter was approved as written by the Council and sent to County Planning. It was also mentioned that the Decommissioning Engagement Panel is planning a ZOOM meeting on May 26 to address the management of the Spent Nuclear Fuel which is stored onsite. When More information is available, Ken will forward that to the Council Members.
- c. **Port** – Mary Matakovich. No report
- d. **Avila Beach** – Mary Matakovich. Project at 208 Front street, project discussion occurred at the meeting, all members of the project were present. The committee drafted a letter with concerns on the plan, mostly regarding parking and the need to maintain the ordinance for 50' spacing for vacation rentals. AVAC response letter on Project at 208 Front street is approved (none dissenting)
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** – Jim Hartig no report.
- f. **Avila Valley** – Julia Hartzell No Report.
- g. **See Canyon** – Denise Allen. There are some concerns regarding the road, potholes and cyclists, she will discuss further when transportation is present at the next meeting.
- h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirt Collins. No report.
- i. **Avila Plan Update Committee** – Jim Hartig no new information.

13. **Next meeting date:** Monday, **June 14, 2021** - 7 PM

14. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Margaret Greenough, Secretary