

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

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**December 13, 2021**

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1. **Call to Order**: by the chair Steve Benedict, for regular meeting at 7:00pm, via Zoom.

Roll Call (present): Mary Matakovich, Lisa Newton, Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Curtis Cole, Steve Benedict, Jim Hartig, Kirt Collins, Michael Clayton, Carol Hayden, Bill Crewe, Margaret Greenough. Quorum was established.

2. **Approve Minutes**: Motion was made and seconded to approve the November 8, 2021; meeting minutes as amended to read: Sherri Danoff has accepted appointment as the Nominating Committee Chair to seek AVAC officers for 2022. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments**: Steve Benedict welcomes the group and notes last AVAC meeting of 2021.

4. **Public Comment**:

a. Betty Hartig thanks CAL Fire, for the response to the November San Luis Bay Estates vegetation fire on Playa Vista. The action plan effectively and efficiently controlled the fire quickly and is much appreciated.

b. Percy Jones, battalion chief with the Los Angeles fire department with 40 years of service and a full-time resident in Avila Beach for 18 years asks: does the county TRULY understand what happens when the public does not have dedicated evacuation routes in the case of an emergency. And has anyone reviewed and studied evacuation routes and laws that govern them?

5. **Treasurer's Report**: Jim Hartig and Steve Benedict note annual HostGater expense of \$17.99 and monthly Zoom expense of \$14.99

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

a) **Sheriff**: Written report provided. 33 calls for service in Avila Beach for November. Sherri Danoff pointed out that 16 calls for service were for Cave Landing.

b) **Highway Patrol**: Sergeant Jason Grimm. DUI accident involving a deer occurred on Ontario Rd. Discussion with members about increased mailbox and porch package thefts.

c) **Cal Fire**: information for number of calls for Cave Landing area requested.

d) **Office of Emergency Services**: County manager Scotty Jalbert was introduced by Supervisor Ortiz-Legg. Power Point presentation was made and discussed. Eric Daniels commented that a PG&E Letter is coming out to allow temporary access through Diablo property during an emergency.

- e) **Planning**:

a. **Written Planning Updates Provided by Nicole Ellis.**

The following projects have been updated to reflect status and review authority.

- C-DRC2021-00028 (Item 1 on the list) updated to identify review authority as "Avila Committee"
- C-DRC2021-00029 (Item 3 on the list) updated to reflect status "Information Hold"
- AMEND2021-00002 (Item 4 on the list) updated to reflect status "Accepted for Processing"
- DRC2021-00126 (Item 7 on the list) updated to reflect status "Accepted for Processing"

- DRC2020-00152 (Item 13 on the list) updated to reflect status “Scheduled for Planning

Commission Hearing” noting posting of Environmental Document

The County Planning Division has been asked by community members to clarify what information is represented by the “Progress Wheel” in the Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal for building permit cases. For example, if the wheel shows 41% progress for a road grading permit, then that would indicate that the project has completed 41% of the internal/staff permit steps.

- b. Susan Strachan: reported - The North Access Road was 98% complete with only county planning paperwork to be completed. Completed 5 Scoping Sessions with the comments collected being provided to their Consultant - the Aspen Environmental Group.
- c. The EIR preparation schedule is -The Draft EIR is planned for release in Fall 2022 with the Final EIR completed by early Spring 2023.

f) **Public Works** – No Report

g) **County Parks** – Nick Franco

h) **Port San Luis Harbor District** – M. Matakovich reports. Harbor Terrace - Flying Flags Campgrounds held its General Opening. This project will take at least another year or two to complete; Avila Pier Project will begin its first phase of rehabilitation in the Spring; Harford Pier will be holding its next Scoping Workshop in January; the third public hearing of the Port's Redistricting Plan will be at the January Commissioners' Meeting; the new Harbor Director Suzy Watkins will begin her assignment Feb. 1st.

i) **County Supervisor** –Supervisor Ortiz-Legg reports the Board of Supervisors will be finalizing Planning's priorities at its meeting on January 25. Priorities will include work on the Avila Community Plan. The timeline for completing the Community Plan/General Plan Update for Avila could be two years. Projects seeking approval will still go through regular review.

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7. **Old Business:** Sheri Danoff, Nominating Committee Chair presents AVAC officer nominations for 2022. Chair: Steve Benedict, Vice Chair: Kirt Collins, Recording Secretary: Michael Clayton, Treasurer: Denise Allen

8. **New Business:** None

9. **Community Liaisons**

a. **Avila Beach Civic Association** – Mary Matakovich reports, Dog Parade featured 57 dogs with their Masters. The annual meeting was also held.

b. **Avila Beach Foundation** – Rick Cohen. The Foundation's elected officers for 2022 are President, Cyndy Lakowske. Vice President, Barbara Nicholson. Secretary, Ellen Pitrowski. Treasurer: Patrick Corrigan.

10. **PG&E/Diablo Canyon** – Eric Daniels reported: There are No electrical outages in the Avila area. Both Units are performing at 100% of clean nuclear energy. The Inspection of the Spent Fuel Storage Casks has been delayed due to a Crane not being available to lift the Casks off the pad. The Crane needs maintenance before this inspection process can commence. Eric also reported several Organizational changes at the Executive level at PG&E. None of these changes will affect Operations at Diablo Canyon. Eric pointed out that there are 4 PG&E Vice Presidents living in this area.

11. **AVAC Committees:**

a. **Land Use** – Sherri Danoff. The Committee met on December 2 to discuss a letter to present to AVAC on the 2021 Revised Golf Course Resort Application. The LU Committee Comments were presented and approved unanimously by AVAC members

b. **Diablo** – Ken Thompson The committee Thanked Eric Daniels for his continued support of AVAC over the past year. No other Report.

c. **Port San Luis** – Covered by M. Matakovich in Harbor District report.

- d. **Avila Beach** – Mary Matakovich presented a letter with recommendations on C-DRC-2021-00028 - Hodge - 190 San Antonio Street. Motion was made and seconded (Danoff/Thompson) to accept the letter. Motion carried.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates** – Curtis Cole no report.
- f. **Avila Valley** – Julia Hartzell No Report
- g. **See Canyon** – No report
- h. **Squire Canyon** – Kirt Collins.
- i. **Avila Plan Update Committee** – Jim Hartig. No Report

13. **Next meeting date:** Monday, January 10, 2022 - 7 PM

14. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM