

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA
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Date 4-11-2022-
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1. **Call to Order:** by the chair, Steve Benedict, for regular meeting at 19:00 hrs., via Zoom
Rollcall (present): Denise Allen, Mary El Hansen, Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Sherri Danoff, Curtis Cole, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Curtis Cole, Kirt Collins, Bill Crewe, Carol Hayden, John Janovich, Ken Thompson
(excused): Margaret Greenough and Lisa Newton.
Quorum was established,
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the March 14, 2022. meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Steve Benedict reports
Steve Benedict directed comments on the issue of in person vs. hybrid vs. Zoom AVAC meeting format, as-well-as possible start-time changes to item #7 on the agenda, Old Business.
4. **Public Comment:**
No public comments
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Denise Allen reports.
Balance of Checking Account: \$ 2,085.38
Expenses: \$ 14.99
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - A. **Sheriff's Department:** Sergeant Hank Abbas and Stuart MacDonald report
 - Calls For Service 107, Avila Beach 28, Cave Landing 7.
 - Sherri Danoff stated her appreciation of Cave Landing data broken out.
 - The Sheriffs encouraged community members to report suspicious activity to the department to initiate events investigations. **Non-emergency dispatch line 805-781-4550.**
 - Brian LaConte and Denise Allen reported on Mailbox break-ins in rural valley locations. The sheriffs again advised vigilance, and prompt reporting of suspicious activity.
 - B. **Highway Patrol:** Captain Greg Klingenberg reports
 - 5 collisions were reported within AVAC. No serious injuries reported.
 - DUI was involved in several incidents. Officers attempt to reveal the location of alcohol consumption, but often denied that information.
 - C. **Cal Fire:** Battalion Chief Paul Lee reports via email
Chief Paul Lee could not make this month's meeting in person; however, he reports via email:
 - 47 calls for service 29 were medically related.
 - As weather warms please get in front of all weed abatement projects and complete before the grass is cured. Any burning should be done using caution. Please feel free to reach out to the fire department before burning if you have any questions.

- Vegetation Management Project for this phase at SLBE's is wrapped up for this year. CAL FIRE is extremely pleased with the improved clearance along the roadside for evacuation and Fire Department Access. Job well done to SLBE's!!
- Another CWPP will be done starting in May. This CWPP will focus on the Hills from Price Canyon North to Cragg Canyon. More information to follow on that project when more details are provided.
- Fire road maintenance will take place over the next few months. The Graders will be used to provide all wheel drive fire engines better access to fires in the wildland.

D. Planning: Nicole Ellis reports:

Updates: The April 2022 project list has been updated to reflect project status updates. Please refer to emailed **Avila Planning & Building Projects Spreadsheets**. Where updates were made, the various spreadsheet cells have been highlighted in yellow. The following projects have been updated:

- **DRC2021-00126 & AMEND2022-00002** (item 8 on the Active/In Process list)- Brief Description updated to reflect "Revised/Reduced Request- Amendment to the San Luis Bay Estates Master Development Plan to establish 6 overnight accommodation units & Development Plan/ CDP to add 6 overnight hotel accommodations at the Avila Beach Golf Resort. (reduction in overnight lodging units and removal of the flex space request)." The project status has also been updated to reflect "Project scheduled for Planning Commission hearing March 24, 2022. Planning Commission continued hearing to May 26, 2022 to allow staff and applicant time to address public comments received. The project scope has been revised/reduced (reduction in overnight lodging units and removal of the flex space request)"
- **DRC2018-00003** (item 37 on the Approved/Withdrawn/Denied list) Planner/Contact has been updated to Cindy Chambers at cchambers@co.slo.ca.us and the project status has been updated to reflect "Road improvements are completed, grading permit PMTG2020-00015 is finalized, and final compliance verification is in process."

E. Public Works: John Waddell reports

- No report for April

F. County Parks: Nick Franko / Shaun Cooper report

- No report for April

G. Port San Luis:

- Mary Matakovich reports later under AVAC Committees for Suzy Watkins

H. County Supervisor: Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg reports

- No formal presentation to report.
- Roundabouts for highway 227 and Avila Beach Drive/highway 101 are being developed.
- County homeless situation is being addressed in a more strategic and comprehensive manner with new management input. This will be further addressed at the Tuesday, April 19th SLOCBOS meeting.
- The Events Season is approaching with many events planned

- Curtis Cole asked Supervisor Ortiz-Legg about the permitting process for events, including fire evacuation. Is Cal Fire involved? Supervisor Ortiz-Legg will investigate the matter and report back to AVAC.

7. **Old Business:**

Steve Benedict continued informed discussions of the return to live, in-person, possible hybrid, vs. continued Zoom for our monthly AVAC meetings. Eric Daniels also contributed in the discussions from the PG&E Education Center perspective. The PG&E center is currently not equipped to host hybrid or Zoom meetings from the Ontario Road education complex. Factors to be considered in creating such programs include, but are not limited to, equipment costs, build-out costs, personnel to run the process, and who would pay. These issues will be brought to PG&E, investigated, and reported back.

Aside from the technical and cost issues, AVAC members again presented their opinions as to the merits of each meeting option. Julia Hartzell, Jim Hartig questioned appropriate pandemic spacing and seating arrangements, as well-as the limitations these measures would impact on attendee numbers. Although safety mandates are easing, what the future will require is unknown.

Ken Thompson advised AVAC to consider the extra work involved for county contributors to come to the PG&E Education Center after their already long day's work. Continuing full Zoom meetings could well allow more convenient participation of guests, contributors, and community.

The issue will be continued after a cost evaluation is evaluated and brought back to AVAC.

The second point of discussion involved the start time for future AVAC meetings. It was suggested to consider an earlier than 7:00 PM start time. 6:00 or 6:30 PM start times were discussed. This will be continued with an opinion survey regarding changing for the May AVAC meeting.

8. **New Business:**

No new business to report.

9. **Community Liaisons:**

A. **Avila Beach Civic Association:** Mary Matakovich reports

- Membership to the Association is encouraged.
- The Association building is available for rent for occasions
- July 4th dog parade id planned

B. **Avila Beach Foundation:** Rick Cohen reports

- Grant funding process and report will be taken up at the Thursday meeting.

C. **PG&E / Diablo Canyon:** Eric Daniels reports

- Unit 1 is offline for refueling, Unit 2 is 100%.
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) announced that it has selected Orano USA as its vendor to safely transfer all its remaining spent fuel from Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) operations to onsite interim dry storage.
- The announcement supports fulfilling PG&E's commitment to move spent fuel safely and prudently from wet to dry storage following the cessation of operations at DCPP in 2025.
- PG&E used a competitive bid process to determine the appropriate vendor for the work. **Orano's Extended Optimized Storage NUHOMS® system** has been licensed for use at other facilities and approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).
- **The Orano system** design includes enhanced thermal and seismic capabilities, which will require additional NRC safety reviews. Once approved, this results in the transfer of all spent fuel to dry storage in approximately two years after the plant's scheduled closure in 2025.

- Stakeholder input was incorporated throughout the vendor selection process, including recommendations from the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DCDEP) related to spent fuel storage.
- The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel will hold a public meeting on April 20, 2022 to hear more about the new storage system and solicit questions and comments from the public in preparation for a second public meeting on May 25 to discuss the new system in more detail. The public meeting will be held from 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo. There will be an Open House prior to the meeting beginning at 5:00 PM where the members of the public view exhibits and speak with Panel members and PG&E representatives. The meeting will also be available via Zoom. Visit the DCDEP web page at diablocanyonpanel.org for more information.

10. AVAC Committees:

- A. Land Use:** Sherri Danoff reports - No report for April
- B. Diablo Canyon:** Ken Thompson reports
- **Avila Beach Representation on the DCDEP.**
Ken Thompson led a concerned discussion as to AVAC representation on the DCDEP Committee. AVAC strongly requests reconsideration of representation for the most significantly impacted region, Avila, by the Decommissioning Process.
 - An excellent, draft letter was prepared and directed to the DCDEP Committee, requesting an “Ex-Officio membership” for Sherri Danoff, a past DCDEP member, and strong voice on the panel, representing the interests of Avila Beach and Avila Valley. The letter was approved for forwarding to DCDEP
- C. Port:** Mary Matakovich reports
- Beaches are full. Lifeguards are on duty.
 - Avila Pier phase 1 project is ongoing. \$250,000 have been allotted to assist with utilities.
- D. Avila Beach:** Mary Matakovich reports - No report for April
- E. San Luis Bay Estates:** Curtis Cole reports
- DRC2021-00126 & AMEND2022-00002, The scope of the project has been reduced and resubmitted to planning. It will appear on the May 26, 2022, Planning Commission agenda.
- F. Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell reports - No report for April
- G. Sea Canyon:** Denise Allen reports - No report for April
- H. Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins reports - No report for April
- I. Ad Hoc APU (Avila Plan update):** Jim Hartig reports - No report for April
- J. Next Meeting Date: May 9, 2022**
- K. Adjourn:** 8:23 PM