

## Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

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Date: May 9, 2022  
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1. **Call to Order:** by the chair, Steve Benedict, for regular meeting at 6:00 PM, via Zoom  
Roll call (present): Denise Allen, Mary El Hansen, Mary Matakovich, Julia Hartzell, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Curtis Cole, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Kirt Collins, Jim Hartig, John Janowicz, Carol Hayden, Bill Crewe. Quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 2022 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:**  
Steve Benedict voiced pleasure that the Avila Beach Market is open. He expressed concern for the Avila area's power outages.
4. **Public Comment:**
  - Geoff English introduced himself as general manager of the San Miglitol Water Company, a private non-profit organization.  
Stated new measures for wastewater disposal.  
The drought is a concern. Currently, we have a good ground water supply. He encourages conservation where possible.
  - Bob Pusanik mentioned that County Fire cannot require compliance with the Coastal Ordinance Title 23 requirement for emergency access for golf course events because requiring such compliance is tied to application for a permit. Ownership of the golf course claims no permit is required. Also, all temporary events are subject to a minimum of two unobstructed access points from the event site to a publicly maintained road, regardless of whether a land use permit is required.
  - Stacy Korsgaden spoke to issues of evacuation planning and safety concerns for the Avila community.
  - Kaitlin Sturtevant from ABR announced three upcoming events. Shuttle service to/from this event-will be provided. Some events may have less than 3000 attendees and a few up to 5000.  
Complaints as to the nebulous permitting process were publicly voiced.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Denise Allen reports.  
Balance of Checking Account: \$ 2,070.39.  
Expenses: \$ 14.99.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
  - A. **Sheriff:** Sargent Hank Abba reports  
Calls for Service (CFS) were down in April. More a family orientation now at Cave Landing than law offenders. CL: 19 calls. AB: 39 calls.
  - B. **Highway Patrol:** Captain Greg Klingenberg reports  
1 DUI Arrest after collision on SLBD.  
He thanked the community for the memorial for fallen officer Benedetti.
  - C. **Cal Fire:** Battalion Chief Paul Lee reports

- 38 Calls for service, 17 were medically related.
- 1 Call of significance was a rescue on the cliffside west of the Harford Pier. The one-way climber was trying to access the trail above the beach, but his skills set, and lack of equipment, soon rendered him stuck. The Urban Search and Rescue Team was needed to repel down to the climber and attach a rescue harness to pull him up with. No Injuries were reported.
- Burn season for the Avila Valley is over unless a burn permit is signed by CAL FIRE. I have not seen any come across my desk yet. Please call 911 if you see smoke.
- A New Fire Safe Council Focus Group is being formed to serve all the Avila Valley. This group will comprise of Barron, Squire, SLBE's and See Canyon. 1 Representative from each will be part of the working group to develop 1 document for the FSC to review with community wide needs. If your community **is not represented and you have a project in mind**, please contact Paul Lee @ [Paul.lee@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Paul.lee@fire.ca.gov). Invites will go out to the focus group over the next few weeks.
- New Engine 62 has arrived at the Fire Station, feel free to stop by and ask for a tour.
- Fire season is under way and removal of vegetation around your home should be a top priority before 10am each day. 100-300 feet of park like clearance is required and a 5-foot noncombustible area around your home reduces your risk during a fire.

**D. Planning:** Nicole Ellis reports:

The following projects have been updated:

- **C-DRC2021-00010** (item 1 on the Active/In Process list)- appended Project Updates to reflect "Project was on Information Hold. Application materials resubmitted 4/27/22 in response to information hold items. Resubmittal under review."
- **C-DRC2021-00029** (has been converted to new case C-SUB2022-00001)- (item 4 on the Active/In Process list)- Project Type updated to reflect "Tract Map with a Coastal Development Permit/ Development Plan," appended Brief Description to include "CDRC2021-00029 (has been converted to new case C-SUB2022-00001) Subdivision of 2 lots to 8 unit (4 residential, 4 commercial) condo plan," and appended Project Updates to reflect "As of 10/15/21 application was on Information Hold (letter prepared). Application materials resubmitted 4/7/22 in response to information hold items. Resubmittal under review."
- **DRC2021-00126 & AMEND2022-00002** (item 7 on the Active/In Process list)- appended Project Updates to reflect "Project is scheduled for consideration at the continued Planning Commission hearing of May 26, 2022, for the revised/reduced scope of work."
- **DRC2020-00212** ((item 11 on the Active/In Process list)- appended Project Updates to reflect "Project was on Information Hold. Application materials resubmitted 4/15/22 in response to information hold items. Resubmittal under review."
- **AMEND2021-00002** (previously item 5 on April project spreadsheet has been relocated to item 22 on the Approved/Withdrawn/Denied list)- Updates have been supplemented to include "Cleared appeal periods."

**E. Public Works:** John Waddell reports

- Avila Beach Drive speed limit has been reduced to 35 MPH between First St. and Diablo Canyon Road.
- Construction on the ABD and HWY 101 roundabout is scheduled to begin in 2023.
- Pedestrian signage has been added to Ontario Road.

**F. County Parks:** Nick Franco / Shaun Cooper report

- Farmer's Market is open/
- Costs to repair concrete benches is being evaluated.
- Cave Landing is continuing to improve.

- Graffiti is up overall in the parks. Graffiti noted on bridge supports. Public urged to report graffiti.
- Retirement of supervisors has caused changes in personnel.
- Denise Allen reported that having no toilets at Pirate's Cove presents problems for visitors.

**G. Harbor District:** Suzy Watkins – Harbor Director reports

- Avila Pier work is ready to start. A \$245,000 grant from Friends of Avila Pier will fill budget gaps of all phase 1 work. This is a two-year project. A storage facility will be within the Avila Beach parking lot.

**H. County Supervisor:** Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg reports

- 5-10-2021 memorial for fallen officer Luca Benedetti.
- Homeless street plan to decrease homeless by 50% in five years.
- Assignment of a managing director for regional coordination.
- Planning a fire council strategy for better evacuation planning.
- Diablo Canyon Ranch Road could be used a secondary emergency evacuation route for Avila beach and Port San Luis.
- Curtis Cole questions permitting process for events and evacuation routes through SLBE and Blue Heron Drive.
- Percy Jones notes Santa Anna wind conditions during event would require full coordination to assist with evacuations. Need to practice and plan for such conditions.

**7. Old Business:**

- Discussions as to future AVAC meeting format were again heard. Some suggest a hybrid format, others for in-person format. Cost considerations were discussed. The meetings will continue as Zoom presentations going forward but are open to change should circumstances merit.

**8. New Business:**

No new business to report.

**9. Community Liaisons:**

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

4<sup>th</sup> of July dog show and parade.  
4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade in the harbor.  
September 24<sup>th</sup> Apple Festival.

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

No report.

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

April 12, 2022, four-hour outage was a planned event as was April 13, 2022, two-hour outage. A large outage on April 30, 2022, was due to high winds and a fallen tree. PG&E supports backup battery programs for Avila residents. Julia Hartzell questioned why Avila Valley Estates was the last area to come back online. PG&E reiterated its commitment to energy policies and is open to options for delivery of energy. Both Diablo Canyon reactors are up and running. Ton Jones presented a thorough explanation of the design of the new dry storage facility.

**10. AVAC Committees:**

**A. Land Use:** Sherri Danoff reports

## COMMENTS ON APPLICATION FOR 6 LODGING UNITS AT GOLF COURSE

- No proposed amendment to the SLBE Master Development Plan was located in the portal's recently added documents. (The earlier 10-unit project included an amendment proposal.)  
RESPONSE: An amendment must be approved before there can be consideration of approving the proposed 6 units application.
- ABR Project Description, April 2022
- **Land Use - Project Information form, p. 2, Proposed Water Source**  
The application states: "N/A – All existing services provided to the building/project area"  
RESPONSE: Adding lodging units in a 2,400 sq. ft. addition involves considerable water demand. (Also, possibly wastewater lift stations would need augmentation.) A will-serve letter from the water - wastewater purveyor could be needed.
- **Environmental Description form, pp. 2 & 3.**  
Daily water demand is stated as 241 gallons and Proposed Sewage Disposal as 402 gpd.  
RESPONSE: Confusing! More wastewaters would be discharged than water consumed.
- Parking Plan  
**Plan A2. Proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Plan** shows 6 suites and an undesignated area. Also shows "Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Plan."  
RESPONSE: Use of the undesignated area should be specified to know whether it would entail need for additional parking.  
RESPONSE: In that the project is said to only involve a new second floor, approval of plans with confusing information results in unenforceable approval requirements.  
**Plan A3, Front Elevation.** Is a third story or deck being proposed?  
RESPONSE: Approval of plans with confusing information results in unenforceable approval requirements.
- April 2022 Revised Project Description  
**1.0: "Limited support facilities"** are mentioned as included but not described.  
RESPONSE: Details are needed. Potentially additional parking would be needed.  
**6.1: Secondary emergency access is claimed through SLBE.**  
RESPONSE: The Land Use Application requires "PLN-1012: Land Use Consent of Property Owner form (only if applicant does not own the property)." This basic application requirement has not been fulfilled.  
**6.5: Traffic,**  
Trip Generation Analysis: Cited are 29 average daily trips and also 1 a.m. peak trip and 1 p.m. peak trip.  
RESPONSE: Instead of average daily trips and peak weekday trips, pertinent information for peak weekend traffic times should be provided.  
**Trip Analysis:** Stated is that most existing golfers are tourists.  
RESPONSE: What is the source of this information?

A motion was unanimously approved for sending a formal letter of recommendation to the planning department.

COMMENTS ON REHABILITATION STAGING AREA IN AVILA BEACH PARKING LOT This item was suspended for further consideration by the Committee.

### B. **Diablo Canyon:** Ken Thompson reports

The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DCDEP) held a public meeting on April 20, 2022, to hear more about the new storage system and solicited 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 – 7:30 PM at the County Government Center

beginning at 5:00 PM where members of the public view exhibits and speak with panel members and PG&E representatives. The meeting will also be available via Zoom.

Visit [diablocanyonpanel.org](http://diablocanyonpanel.org) for further information or to submit questions.

- C. **Port:** Mary Matakovich No Report
- D. **Avila Beach:** Mary Matakovich reports no projects for approval.
- E. **San Luis Bay Estates:** Curtis Cole No report
- F. **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell No report.
- G. **Sea Canyon:** Denise Allen reports PG&E vegetation clearing appreciated.
- H. **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins No report.
- I. **Ad Hoc APU (Avila Plan update):** Jim Hartig No report. Next scheduled meeting May 18, 2022.

11. **Next Meeting Date:** July 13, 2022, via Zoom

12. **Adjourn:** 8:06 PM