

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date 10/02/2023

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1. **Call to Order:** by the chair, Steve Benedict, for regular meeting at 6:02 pm., via Zoom.
Roll call (present): Denise Allen, Mary El Hansen, Mary Matakovich, Jim Hartig, Lisa Newton, Julia Hartzell, Kirt Collins, Ken Thompson, Steve Benedict, Curtis Cole, John Janowicz, Bob Pusanik (alt), Judy Kaatz (alt), Mandi George (alt), Margaret Greenough, Michael Clayton.
Quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A motion was made by Mary Matakovich and seconded by Ken Thompson to approve minutes of the September 11, 2023, AVAC meeting as presented. The motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:**
 - No report.
4. **Public Comment:**
 - No written reports.
 - No oral comments.
5. **Treasurer's Report: Denise Allen reports:**
 - Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,429.58
 - Expenses: \$ 15.99 for Zoom. \$15.99 for Zoom.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - A. **Sheriff: E Coyes reports:**
 - 144 calls for service, 29 in Avila Beach proper as compared to 130/32 last year. (Sheriff's data sheet provided several days after AVAC meeting).
 - Request made to follow same format for monthly reporting.
 - B. **Highway Patrol: Lt. Tim Santoro reports:**
 - 2 collisions in September. One on Avila Beach Drive, one in Avila Beach. A minor injury was reported.
 - 2 DUIs to report.
 - C. **Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Lee reports:**
 - 57 calls for service 29 were medically related.
 - One call of significance: Produce truck caught fire on Hwy 101. Handled quickly.
 - Thousand Hills prescribed burn into second phase, phase one today involved 50 acres of brush. Can be viewed at Alert California at ops.alertcalifornia.org.
 - For Cal Fire activity visit their twitter site [calfireslo](https://twitter.com/calfireslo) and pulse point app for **SLO County Fire**.

- Changing clocks soon so time change batteries for smoke detectors and CO2 monitors.
- Questions:
 - Ken Thompson spoke about Fire Safe Communities Certificates. Good for 5 years. Many insurances accept these certificates.

D. Planning: Nicole Ellis/Susan Strachan reports:

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AVILA COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATES

- C-SUB2022-00005 (item 2 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “Project is tentatively scheduled for the November 9, 2023, Planning Commission hearing.”
- C-SUB2022-00006 (item 3 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “Project is tentatively scheduled for the November 9, 2023, Planning Commission hearing.”
- C-SUB2022-00001 (previously case # C-DRC2021-00029) Gardner Mixed Use Project- (item 6 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “The appeal APPL2023-00007 hearing was considered by the Board on September 26, 2023, in which the Board unanimously denied the appeal and approved the project- noting acceptance of the agent’s proposed revision to Condition 24 (Construction Management Package) to include “The Construction Management Package shall include measures to ensure construction will not use the adjacent building for structural support or material staging.” In order to achieve an agreement with the appellant”

AVILA VALLEY PROJECT UPDATES

- N-DRC2023-00016 and AMEND2023-00007 (item 8 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “County staff is in review of resubmittal materials received from applicant on September 13, 2023.”

SQUIRE CANYON COMMITTEE PROJECT(S)

- N-SUB2023-00018 (previously item 20 on the August Active/In Process list)- has been relocated to the “October AVAC Project Spreadsheet 2023 Archive of approved denied withdrawn projects” with the status stating “Project was converted to a Minor Lot Line Adjustment (which does not require a hearing)- applicant has received the tentative map approval letter from Planning and Public Works, as well as refunds.”

HYBRID COMMITTEE PROJECT(S)

- DRC2013-00080- Chevron (Item 20 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “This project is on hold and has not been active recently. See item 22, below, for information about the related General Plan Amendment application.”
- DRC2018-00182- (Item 21 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “As of 9/29/23 project planner has been temporarily changed to Nicole Ellis in order to assist with communication with applicant and agent to determine whether application can be

withdrawn.” Planner and Agent contact information has also been updated.

- LRP2012-0003, DRC2012-00048, SUB2015-00008- (Item 22 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “This project is on hold and has not been active recently. The applicant intended to seek their proposed land use category change through the Avila Community Plan Update. That update process is currently on hold due to staff vacancies and will be discussed further during the Planning and Building Department's priorities report on October 17, 2023. If the Community Plan Update process is discontinued or postponed, the applicant would have the option to proceed with their original application.”
- LRP2015-00018- Avila Community Plan Update (Item 23 on the Active/In Process list)- revised Project Updates to reflect “This project is currently on hold due to staff vacancies and will be discussed further during the Planning and Building Department's priorities report at the Board of Supervisors on October 17, 2023.” Planner contact information has also been updated. October AVAC Project Spreadsheet 2023 Archive of approved/denied/withdrawn projects.

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Please be advised that there are no substantive updates to provide the Avila Valley Advisory Council for October for the Avila Valley Barn project DRC2021-00015 as well as the Avila Beach Resort EIR project DRC2018-00067. However, it is anticipated that for the November AVAC meeting: County Planning staff will be in virtual attendance to provide updates on these two projects and to assist with questions as they are of high community interest.

Susan Strachan for Diablo Canyon:

- Draft EIR from July 28, 2023, closed off 60-day public comment period until September 25, 2023. 37 letters/responses were received. These are being processed. Then, there will be a schedule for a timeline on response to these letters, and when they will be able to issue the final EIR.
- Questions:
 - Ken Thompson asks if PG&E will formulate detailed mitigations. A Mitigation Monitoring Program will be formulated, in which PG&E will list all the requirements. A timeline will be created for each mitigation.
 - Will individuals be able to comment?
Susan will investigate this and report next month.

E. Public Works: in absentia John Waddell reports:

- Public Works constructed a section of sidewalk earlier this month between the La Fonda Hotel and the Community Center. This completes a continuous sidewalk along the entire west side length of San Miguel Street, from Front Street to Avila Beach Drive.
- Public Works is advertising a contract for bids to construct the Avila Beach Drive at US 101 interchange project. The project will install a roundabout at the intersection of Avila Beach Drive, Shell Beach Road, and the southbound 101 offramp and onramp. It will also install a

rideshare parking lot and bus stop adjacent to the intersection. Construction is expected to begin in early 2024.

F. County Parks: Tanya Richardson reports:

- The Cave Landing project has worked through changes due to winter rains damage. Now with contractor and will start in next couple of weeks. CL will be closed to bring in materials and the project is scheduled to be completed by November 7, 2023.
- County Facility Assessment underway. Looking at Avila Park area. Three issues come up as priority one: concrete benches and tables along park and promenade, the playground itself, and lighting around the park. They will then work with public works on schedule for repairs.

G. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins-Harbor Director reports:

- **Not Available - No report**

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

- **Offshore Wind Information Session / November 1st**
 - When: November 1st 4-7pm
 - Where: Katcho Achadjian Government Center
 - 1055 Monterey St, San Luis Obispo
 - Who: Congressman Carbajal, Congressman Panetta, Senator Laird, Assemblymember Addis, and other community partners
 - Why: To provide residents with information about the future of offshore wind along the Central Coast
- **County Budget:**
 - It was noted that the County Government Budget now has a shortfall of \$23M.
- **Upcoming community events:**
 - Other happenings this month [*Honor Flight*](#) Welcome Home at Santa Maria Airport 10/4 at 7:30 pm
 - The Commission on the Status of Women and Girls - Feminine Hygiene and Incontinence product drive 10/10-14th, drop donations off at any SLO County Library.
 - [*Open Studios Art Tour*](#) 10/14-10/15 and 10/21-10/22
 - [*Avila Beach Children's Business Fair*](#) 10/14 begins at 9 a.m. at the Avila Beach Community Center
 - Spaghetti Dinner 10/20 at the Avila Beach Community Center
- **Office Hours & Locations:**
 - October 5th (Kelley Abbas)
 - November 2nd
 - Community Center 1:30-3:30 pm

7. Old Business:

Ad-Hoc Supervisor's Committee – Avila Valley Advisory Council

- *Committee will consist of 5 members, preferably one representative from each of the residential areas of AVAC (Avila Beach, See Canyon, Squire Canyon, Avila Valley Estates, San Luis Bay Estates) The committee will meet to address issues of concern and possible solutions as*

needed at request of committee or Supervisor. Issues of concern are not limited to: Emergency Evacuation, Traffic/Parking, Events, Vacation Rentals and Open Space. District 3 Supervisor will oversee committee meetings. This committee will not represent projects specifically as all standing residential committees and the Land Use Committee will continue in those roles.

- **Ad-Hoc Supervisor’s Committee current volunteer list:**
 - Kirt Collins – Squire Canyon
 - Denise Allen – See Canyon
 - Curtis Cole – SLBE
 - Carol Haydon – SLBE
 - Sheri Robesky – Avila Valley
 - Mandy George -- See Canyon
 - Allegra Shea – Avila Beach
- Much discussion was undertaken concerning who will chair this committee and who will appoint committee members. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg requested that an Avila Beach business member be added to the committee. A question about the open meetings requirement was raised. This business will be carried over in the November AVAC meeting.

8. New Business:

- **No report.**
- Reminder that nominations for 2024 officers will begin in November.

9. Community Liaisons:

- **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich reports:**
 - October 20th bingo night and spaghetti dinner.
 - On October 14th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Avila Beach Civic Association Children’s Fair with 77 booths and 105 kids ready to talk to you about their products.
- **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Cohen reports:**
 - **No report.**
- **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels reports:**
 - Drill on September 7th.
 - PG&E continues the process for closure, as shown in the Decommissioning EIR as mentioned by Susan Strachan earlier. County now working to collect those comments.
 - Also seeking extension as directed by SB 846 allowing for 5 additional years of operation for each unit. PG&E will be submitting an extended employee retention program application to the Public Utilities Commission this Monday.
 - Unit two at 100%, unit 1 at 0% as refueling and maintenance continue. This outage is unique in that in addition to refueling the reactor, PG&E will perform additional projects and land maintenance activities.
 - In addition to the couple hundred new employees and PG&E has hired an additional 1200 temporary workers for this outage campaign.

10. AVAC Committees:

a. Land Use:

- Need a chairperson for this committee. Interested individuals to contact Steve Benedict directly.
 - The Avila Valley Barn project has been resubmitted and will be reported in November.
- b. **Diablo Canyon: Ken Thompson reports:**
- The Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee meeting in September can be viewed on the internet at SLO-SPAN.ORG
 - Also at that meeting, Dennis Peterson, Station Director stated that refueling and maintenance outage could last up to 50 days.
 - Then Adam Peck, Site VP, talked about what PG&E is doing to support Extended Operations. A Seismic Assessment Update is required per SB846 and will be performed by a PG&E Consultant.
 - The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel meeting last month on Diablo Canyon Lands and can be viewed on the internet at SLO-SPAN.ORG
- c. **Port: Mary Matakovich reports:**
NOAA. held an open meeting to seek public comments about the marine sanctuary. The Port in 2015 came up with a resolution against the sanctuary, and in 2020 and 2022 the Port wrote back to NOAA to give the Port's position about what was taking place; however, they were nonresponsive. The board directed Mary, as president, to read the resolution we presented to NOAA in 2015 dealing with several issues including but not limited to over-regulation and lack of local control. The Port will be coming up with an updated resolution to be submitted to NOAA by the Oct. 25 deadline.
- d. **Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich reports:**
- No report.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates: Curtis Cole reports:**
- No report.
- f. **Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell reports:**
- No report.
- g. **See Canyon: Denise Allen reports:**
- Apple season has begun. October 15 is picking day.
 - No other report.
- h. **Squire Canyon: Kirt Collins reports:**
- No report

11. Next Meeting Date:

- November 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

12. Adjourn:

- 7:39 pm.