

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date 7/8/2024

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- **Call to Order:** by the chair Denise Allen for regular meeting at 6:00PM, via Zoom.
Roll call (present): Denise Allen, Mary Matakovich, John Janowicz, Allegra Shea, Judy Kaatz (alt), Jim Hartig, Carol Hayden, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Sheri Roebesky, Steve Benedict, Percy Jones, Bob Pusanik (alt), Bill Crewe.
Quorum was established.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
- Motion was made and seconded (Benedict/Matakovich) to approve minutes of the June 10, 2024 AVAC meeting as presented. The motion carried.
- **Chair's Comments:** Denise Allen spoke of the challenge of navigating the community over the Avila Barn Proposal with attempt to listen. This is a process that is developing. She also mentioned that the European and Santa Rosa plums and apricots are dropping; so, come and harvest them.
- **Public Comment**
- Katie Sturtevant, Avila Golf Resort announced the Annual Truck Show on July 27 from 9-5PM. Some trucks will be coming in on Friday.
- Percy Jones spoke as a citizen of Avila Beach with concerns about the 20 yrs. crisis in Avila Beach: Firefighters still have an allocation of only 2 firefighters. He plans to write a statement to submit to AVAC.
- Kristen McKiernan presented a written letter of concern about AVAC's handling of the Land Use Committee's letter for the Avila Barn Permit Application and she poses additional questions.
- **Treasurer's Report: Steve Benedict reports:**
- Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,265.78
- Expenses: \$ 15.99 in July for Zoom and PO Box annual fee: \$84
- **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - A. Sheriff: Comm. Sgt. Slaughter reports:**
 - 138 CFS Jan – June in 2024 - 31 for June in Avila proper. Compared to 138/154 in 2023. 1 assault and battery, 8 disturbances, 1 theft, 3 vandalism, 5 suspicious circumstances, 14 enforcement stops, 14 preventive patrol activities.
 - B. Highway Patrol: Lt. Santora reports:**

8 crashes/5 non-injury, 1 DUI, 1 fallen bicyclist, a collision on San Luis Bay Drive. Suggestion was made to institute an electronic speed board (which is now in the shop) and signage to Slow Down before the curve. Public Works will be notified.
 - C. Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Lee**

No report
 - D. Planning: Jeremy Freund reports:**
- **The following projects have been updated:**
AVILA VALLEY COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATES

- AMEND2023-00007 (item 3 on the July Active/In Process list)- MUP: A request for an approximately 4,300 square foot, single story with second story bedroom (previously referred to as a tower), single family residence on a vacant lot. Project request includes an approximately 700 square foot guest house, a detached 2-car garage, a new driveway with entry gate leading to a privately maintained road (Bassi Dr), landscaping, approximately 16,000 sq. ft. hardscaping, ground mount solar panels, with use of an onsite septic system and use of community water (Bassi Ranch Mutual Water Co). The project site is located within the Residential Rural Land Use Category (RR) at 710 Bassi Dr within Bassi Ranch,

DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATES

- C-DRC2024-00023 (Item 6 on the July Active/In Process list)- Project status updates include the following: “Project accepted for processing, June 6, 2024”. Scheduled for Panning Department hearing on August 2, 2024.

SAN LUIS BAY ESTATES COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATES

- N-DRC2022-00042 (Item 9 on the July Active/In Process List)- Change of Staff Planner from Elizabeth Moreno to Jeremy Freund. Submitted 10.28.22. Information Hold Letter 12.27.2022 sent out Referral to AVAC and subcommittee will be initiated once the project description and plans are refined and information hold items are substantially addressed. Information hold letter sent to applicant 6/26/2024.

Susan Strachan reports:

Diablo Canyon – extended operations
 Wild Cherry Canyon received a \$400M acquisition.
 Off Shore Wind Energy Proposal for State and Federal Funding a Scope of Work Study for Morro Bay, Cal Poly, Port San Luis and Diablo is still in process.

E. Public Works: John Waddell

No report

F. County Parks: Tanya Richardson reports:

The 4th was safe including the Bob Jones Trail. Cave Landing is still having parking issues (i.e., for ADA spaces). Other than that summer has started smoothly.

G. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins:

No incidents reported. Closed Session is scheduled regarding an Off Shore Wind unsolicited proposal; there will be no action taken at this time. The Port is partnering with the County and having discussions regarding the federal and state process which could support a long-term study process. There are a lot of questions/answers along with a timeline to be established. Avila Pier’s rehab project is at Bent 41-46; this section is expected to be completed by the end of the month. New light poles have been installed. The Friends of Avila Pier is working to fund this operation through plaques on the pier. A suggestion was made to have a Dog Wash set up at Old Port Beach.

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

Dawn reported that the first six months have been heavy. Now with a new CAO, the supervisors have a leader with energy and leadership skills. She indicated that she will be available on

Thursday from 1-3pm and the Supervisor's Subcommittee will meet from 3-5pm. She will double-check the resources to possibly assist with the crowd expected for the Truck Show. September will be a time to deal with outstanding issues and she plans to have a Town Hall gathering to allow for this dialogue.

Old Business

- No report.

New Business:

- No report.

Community Liaisons

- **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich reports:**
Avila Beach Civic Association had a sold-out Pancake Breakfast, a Dog Parade with 137 dogs, and a SLYC Boat Parade. It was a fun time in Avila Beach.
- **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Rowe reports:**
Pathpoint program is underway; please thank the people who keep our sidewalks clean. Rick offered the Supervisor help in setting up the Town Hall meeting, as they have supported this effort in the past.
- **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels reports:**
Both units are at 100% capacity and that is why Diablo is continuing to be open.

AVAC Committees

- **Land Use:** No report
 - **Diablo Canyon:** No report
 - **Port:** No report
 - **Avila Beach:** No report
 - **San Luis Bay Estates:** No report
 - **Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell reports:**
Bassi Ranch property permit/amendment was deferred to the Bassi Homeowners' Association and their Architectural Review Board, standard practice. Motion was made and seconded (Hansen/Hartzell) to submit this deferral for AVAC approval. Motion carried.
 - **See Canyon:** No report
 - **Squire Canyon:** No report
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- **Next Meeting Date:**
August 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM
 - **Adjourn:** 6:56 PM