

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date 10/14/2024

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1. **Call to Order:** by the Vice Chairperson, Jim Hartig for regular meeting at 6:02 PM, via Zoom.

Roll call (present): Mary Matakovich, Jim Hartig, Bill Crewe, Ken Thompson, Michael Clayton, Sheri Robesky, Allegra Shea, Judy Kaatz (alt.), Margaret Greenough, Mary El Hansen, Julia Hartzell, Bradley Escobar.

Quorum was established.

2. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mary Matakovich, seconded Julia Hartzell. Motion carried.

3. Chair's Comments:

No comments.

4. Public Comment:

Oral reports: None.

Written reports: None.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,133.81
- Expenses: \$ 15.99 in September for Zoom.

6. County and Local Agency Reports:

A. Sheriff: Comm. Stuart MacDonald:

- a. 88 calls for service, 29 in Avila Proper compared to 144/29 in 2023. Assault/Battery 0, Disturbance 6, Burglary 0, Theft 1, Suspicious circumstances 1, Enforcement stops 9, Preventive patrol activity 16.

B. Highway Patrol: Lt. Santoro:

- 2 non-injury collisions, 1 vehicle minor injury collision, one felony hit and run vehicle/bike with minor injuries and one DUI arrest.
- Radar increased on San Luis Bay Drive with intent to slow traffic.
- Julia Hartzell observes autos driving thru stop sign on San Luis Bay Drive.
- Ken Thompson states extreme congestion in Avila Beach Drive at Avila Barn.

C. Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Lee:

- 55 calls for service, 31 medically related.
- Staffing change at station #62, Captain addition.
- Fire Safe Council Groups will be meeting in Avila.
- Request to form second group for Pismo Beach.
- Control burns will be announced.
- Training with Diablo continues with new captain.

- Alert routing in See Canyon Road will be taking place.
- Wind warning next weekend, therefore reduce outdoor BBQ and such.

D. Planning: Jeremy Freund reports in absentia:

The following projects have been updated:

AVILA COMMITTEE PROJECT(S)

- C-DRC2024-00039 (item 3 on the October Active/In Process list) A Development Plan Coastal Development Permit (C-DRC2024-00039) to allow for a new construction of a new 2-story mixed-use project with a 25-foot maximum height. First floor contains 928 square feet of commercial space and a 448 square-foot ADU with an adjacent carport. Second floor contains a 2,052 square-foot unit connected via elevator to a 577 square-foot, two-car garage. The project will require demolition of an existing two-story 1,522 square foot structure, with decking, existing perimeter fencing and will result in the disturbance of approximately 3,000 square feet on a 0.07 acre parcel. The proposed project is within the commercial retail land use category and is located at 502 First Street Avila Beach, California. The site is in the San Luis Bay Coastal Area Plan of the Coastal Zone. Application received 9/11/2024, Referral sent 9/20/2024. The information hold letter to be sent by 10/11/2024.

DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATES

- DRC2021-00092 (item 6 on the October Active/In Process list). The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for decommissioning of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant was released on July 28, 2023 for a 60-day public review period. The comment period ended on September 25, 2023. County Staff and Aspen Environmental Group are in the process of responding to the comments and make any necessary edits to the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR and comment letters received can be found at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/DCPPDecom. It is anticipated that the Final EIR will be issued in 2025 by the end of 2024. A Planning Commission Final EIR study session and hearings will be held after the Final EIR is released.
- C-DRC2024-00023 (item 7 on the October Active/In Process list). Proposed demolition and removal of an existing 500 sf. metal and glass Visitor Overlook structure located west of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) at Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The structure sits on a raised foundation of a retaining wall and concrete piles that will remain. The site is within the Coastal Zone and requires a Coastal Development permit for demolition of the structure.
Application submitted/fees paid 4/30/24. Referral request sent via email May 7, 2024. Project accepted for processing June 6, 2024. It was approved at the Planning Dept. Hearing on August 2, 2024.
- **Susan Strachan:**
- On 9/10/2024 Board of Supervisors approve contract with Off Shore Wind contractor for study.
- Off Shore Wind select committee with hold hearing at Chumash Reservation.

E. Public Works: John Waddell:

- No report.

F. County Parks: Tanya Richardson:

- No report.

G. Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins:

- Pier construction continues making good progress. Assessing how much pier can be utilized during the remaining construction.
- Avila Pier fundraising event on the 24th at 5:30 PM at the Yacht Club.
- RV parking extension runs out November 16th. 20 years of extensions will run out.
- Submitted another 2-year extension to again attempt a solution.
- Vicki voices against another extension and returning the RV spaces to the public.

H. Supervisor Assistant Kelley Abbas:

- Town Hall meeting at Avila beach Community Center. Tickets are sold out.

7. Old Business:

- No report.

8. New Business:

- No report.

9. Community Liaisons:

- **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich reports:**
 - Encourage membership.
 - September 4, 2024 bingo night and spaghetti dinner was a great success.
- **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Rowe reports:**
 - The 2025 Avila Community Foundation grant application process closed with 18 applicants with 4 new applicants.
 - Avila Beach Forum sold out
- **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels reports:**
 - Both reactors functioning at 100 % capacity.
 - Hiring fair with 400 applicants.

10. Avac Committees:

a. Land Use:

- i. No report.

b. Diablo Canyon: Ken Thompson:

- i. The DCISC conducted a public open meeting October 9-10, 2024 in Avila Beach. Ken presented a synopsis of presentations from speakers. He referred us to the website for further information.

c. Port: Mary Matakovich:

- i. Port is busy.
- ii. Marine Sanctuary information forthcoming.

d. Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich:

- i. Commercial vehicles parking on Front Street.
- ii. Vicki comments on commercial vehicles on Avila Beach Drive.
- iii. Bradley Escobar mentions vans parking on 1st Street.

e. San Luis Bay Estates: Percy Jones:

- i. No report.

f. Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell:

- i. No report.

g. See Canyon: Denise Allen:

i. No report.

h. **Squire Canyon: Margaret Greenough:**

i. No report.

11. Next Meeting Date:

November 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM

12. Adjourn: 6:48 PM