

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date January 13, 2025

www.avac-avila.org

1. **Call to Order:** by the chair, Denise Allen for regular meeting at 6:00 PM, via Zoom.

Roll call (present): Mary Matakovich, Judy Katz, Julia Hartzell, Sheri Roebesky, MaryEl Hansen, Carol Hayden, Jim Hartig, Matt Matter, Percy Jones, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Bob Pusanik, Denise Allen, Bradley Escobar, Margaret Greenough.

Quorum was established.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Pusanik and seconded by Hayden to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments:**

- Diablo Nuclear Plant tour scheduled for March 7th. Will accommodate 18 people; send participants names to Avila Web site.
- Will post AVAC agendas on Avila Community's bulletin board.
- Moved Agenda item 7 and approved new officers

4. **Public Comment:**

- a. **Andrea Leeker REACT ALLIANCE** – comments regarding prohibition of Wind Energy Project
- b. **Debra Pritchard 1920 Song Bird** – comments regarding evacuation
- c. **Mick Smith 2223 Plains villa Place** – comments regarding evacuation

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Steve Benedict reports:

- a. Balance of Checking Account: \$ 1,064.67
- b. Expenses: \$15.99 in December for Zoom

6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**

A. **Sheriff:** Commander Abbas:

- 58 calls for service, 26 in Avila compared to 88/33 in 2024. Assault/Battery 1, Disturbance 3, Vandalism 2, Suspicious Circumstances 3, Enforcement Stops 3, Preventative Patrol Activity 5.
- 25-30 deputies for traffic control was response to question by Percy Jones
- Comments regarding parking on Ontario Drive by Sheri Roebesky
- Comment from Brian La Conte regarding mailbox theft

B. **Highway Patrol:** Lt. Santoro:

- Request from Percy Jones in regard to Community Based Training on evacuations
- Comment from Julia Hartzel in regard to vehicles not stopping on off ramp on San Luis Bay Drive and 101.

C. **Cal Fire:** Battalion Chief Paul Lee:

- 56 calls for service
- Small fire on Ontario Ridge; attributed to possible to transients.
- Avila Valley Fire Safe Council Focus Group submitted 2025 grant request.

- Recommended “Watch Duty App.”

D Planning: Jeremy Freund:

- AVILA TOWN COMMITTEE
C-DRC2024-00039; Applicant is responding to AVAC comments
- AVILA VALLEY COMMITTEE
N-DRC2024-00031; Minor Use Permit to amend Tract 1612 Conditions; hearing at Planning Commission set for Feb 13, 2025.
- SQUIRE CANYON COMMITTEE
N-DRC2024-00042 & LRP2024-00008; Convert worker dwelling into Bed & Breakfast; CUP to obtain 20 temporary events/year at max 120 guests & wavier of secondary egress; change Agriculture (AG) to Residential Rural (RR) designation.

E Susan Strachan:

- No Report

F Public Works: John Waddell

- No report.

G County Parks: Tanya Richardson

- No Report

H Port San Luis: Suzy Watkins

- No Report

I Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg:

- Comments regarding the Los Angeles Fires
- County Efforts to address Emergencies
 - Fire Safe Council that works on Fuel Reduction Projects
 - Comprehensive County wide Evacuation Plan
 - Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan by County OES and Sheriff
 - There is a multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Encourage residents to participate in meeting on January 14th from 3-4pm at Katcho Achadjian Government Center
- Question by Matt Matter in regard to Cannabis Ordinance
- Question by Carol Hayden in regard to Limited access for traffic and if the County has plans for an additional public road.
- In response to Percy Jones, County will not pay for 3rd Fireman at Station 62. Considering a special tax assessment.
- Referred to website PrepareSlo.org

7. Old Business: Approve AVAC Officer Slate:

- a. Chair – Denise Allen
- b. Vice Chair-Jim Hartig
- c. Secretary -Bob Pusanik
- d. Treasurer- Steve Benedict

8. New Business: Noland Project Presentation / Cannabis Letter

- a. After the Noland Project Presentation there was a lengthy discussion by the AVAC Chair on the discrepancies between the Presentation goals/status and the applications filed with the County Planning Department. Also, there were code violations on Noland's entertainment, which was substantiated by Squire Canyon Residents. Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg lamented the effectiveness of Plannings Code Enforcement. This Project was referred to AVAC on December 11, 2024. It will be returned to the County Planner, Eric Tolle, for review and approval before it is re-submitted to AVAC.
- b. Cannabis letter was tabled.

9. Community Liaisons:

- **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich:**
 - Doggie Parade will be held on February 1, 2025 (December outing was cancelled due to weather)
- **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Rowe:**
 - No Report
- **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels**
 - Discussed the North Road through Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and it's availability as an evacuation route in an emergency.

10. AVAC Committees:

- a. **Land Use: No Report**
- b. **Diablo Canyon: Michael Clayton:**
 - For the tour on March 7th, participants should contact Michael for info.
- c. **Port: Mary Matakovich:**
 - No Report
- d. **Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich:**
 - No Report
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates: Percy Jones:**
 - No Report
- f. **Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell:**
 - No Report
- g. **See Canyon: Denise Allen:**
 - No Report
- h. **Squire Canyon: Margaret Greenough:**
 - No Report
- i. **Ad Hoc Fire Staffing:**
 - No Report

11. Next Meeting Date:

February 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

12. Adjourn: 08:25 PM