

## Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date February 10, 2025

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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, John Janowicz Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Sheri Roebesky, Carol Hayden, Jim Hartig, Matt Matter, Percy Jones, Steve Benedict, Bob Pusanik, Denise Allen, Mandi George, Margaret Greenough, Tom Rippner, Hillary Bergantz.

Quorum was established.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Carol Hayden and seconded by Mary Matakovich to accept the minutes after the word "private" was deleted in reference to PG&E's evacuation route. The motion carried.

3. **Chair's Comments:** Denise Allen commented on the following:

- a. Squire Canyon new members
- b. An article in the Tribune about Saul Goldberg

4. **Public Comment:**

- a. No Response

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

- a. Checking Account Balance: \$1048.68
- b. January Expenses: \$15.99 for Zoom

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

a. **Sheriff:** Commmander Abbas:

i. 95 calls for service, 32 in Avila compared to 59/23 in 2024; Assault/Battery 2; Disturbance 7; Burglary 2; Theft 1; Suspicious Circs: 5; Enforcement Stops 7; Preventative Patrol Activity 11.

ii. Sheriff Auxiliary Volunteers Patrol –(SAVP)

1. Eyes in the Valley reporting any suspicious activity
2. Check on Vacations

b. **Highway Patrol:** Lt. Santoro:

i. 3-traffic crashes and 1-hit and run

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

i. There were 54 calls for service of which 33 were medical

ii. There will be an Emergency Preparation Meeting in SLO on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-12pm at SLO Vets Hall.

iii. An inquiry from Percy Jones in regard to CALFIRE regulations on gates.

d. **Planning:** Jeremy Freund:

i. AVILA COMMITTEE

1. Project C-DRC2024-00039

- a. Applicant resubmitted material
- ii. AVILA VALLEY COMMITTEE
  - 1. Project AMEND2023/N-DRC2024-00031
    - a. Project case transferred to Jeremy Freund
- iii. LAND USE COMMITTEE
  - 1. Project DRC2019-00230
    - a. Trail design will be switchback for public safety, geologic stability and less maintenance.
- iv. SAN LUIS BAY ESTATES COMMITTEE
  - 1. Project N-DRC2022-00042
    - a. Project transferred back to Elizabeth Moreno
- v. SQUIRE CANNON COMMITTEE
  - i. Project N-DRC2024-00042 & LRP2024-00008
  - ii. Project on hold; applicant will revise project description and resubmit.

**Susan Strachan: No Report**

**(2) Public Works: John Waddell:**

- No report.

**(3) County Parks: Tanya Richardson:**

**No report**

**(4) Port San Luis: Chief Aspen (Interim Director):**

- (i) Port San Luis: Searching for Interim Part Time Harbor Director

**(5) Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg:**

**(a) Comments regarding BOS's meeting:**

- (i) Budget priorities now include emergency evacuations and migrants status assistance.

**(b) Avila activities:**

- (i) Avila Beach Drive Safety Walkabout scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>
- (ii) Phase 2 Roundabout schedule on time
- (iii) Awareness of Medicare Reimbursement Rates

**(c) OEM Director Scott Jalbert's comments:**

- (i) County wide evacuations zones available for residents
- (ii) AlertSLO allows residents to receive hazard notification
- (iii) Preparing maps for evacuation
- (iv) Asked about PG&E's 47 mile emergency evacuation to Los Osos via a nuclear facilities:  
Since this route is private property, SLO County must seek permission from PG&E prior to using as an emergency evacuation.

**7. Old Business:**

- No report.

**8 New Business:**

**(1) Cannabis Concern Letter**

- (i) Motion to approve by Jim Hartig and seconded by Carol Hayden

- (ii) Motion carried by AVAC Members
- (2) Emergency Concern Letter
  - (i) Motion to approve by Percy Jones w/addition of “fire breaks” to letter and seconded by Carol Hayden
  - (ii) Motion carried by AVAC Members

**9 Community Liaisons:**

- a) Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich:
  - i) July 4<sup>th</sup> pancake breakfast and doggie parade
- b) Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Rowe:  
No Report
- PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric:  
No Report

**10 Avac Committees:**

- a. Land Use: No Report
- b. Diablo Canyon: Michael Clayton; report by Ken Thompson:
  - i. Diablo Canyon Safety Committee meeting on February 19/20<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. Refueling criteria
    - 2. Update Seismic assessment
- 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:
  - i. Staffing limits as per recent BOS’s Meeting

**Next Meeting Date:**

March 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**11 Adjourn: 7:27 PM**