

## **Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)**

**San Luis Obispo, CA**

**PO Box 65**

**Avila Beach, CA 93424**

**Date March 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, John Janowicz, Judy Katz, Julia Hartzell, Sheri Robesky, MaryEl Hansen, Carol Hayden, Jim Hartig, Matt Matter, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Bob Pusanik, Denise Allen, Bradley Escobar, Mandi George, Margaret Greenough, Hillary Bergantz, Tom Rippner.

Quorum was established.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mary Matakovich and seconded by Carol Hayden to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

Chair's Comments:

- a) Noted that Avila Beach was best in US;
- b) Positive comments on recent PG&E tour of Diablo

- 3) **Public Comment:**

- a) Kristin MacKiernan; voiced objection to Avila Barn application

- 4) **Treasurer's Report:**

- a) Checking account balance \$1032.69
- b) February Expense: \$15.99 for Zoom

- 5) **County and Local Agency Reports:**

- a) Sheriff: -Commmander Hank Abbas:

- i) 83 calls for service, 20 in Avila compared to 76/26 in 2024;  
Assault/Battery 1; Disturbance 2; Theft 1; Suspicious Cirs. 3;  
Enforcement stops 3; Preventative Patrol Activity 6.

- b) Highway Patrol- Lt James Ferguson

- i) There were 2 vehicle incidents in Avila and answered questions regarding temporary stop signs at the Roundabout under construction

- c) CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Paul Lee

- i) There were 47 calls for service of which 29 were medical
- ii) Download *CAL FIRE Wildfire Action Plan*

- d) Planning – Jeremy Freund/Susan Strachan

- i) AVILA COMMITTEE

- (1) Project C-DRC2024-00039

- (a) Information hold letter submitted to Agent

- (2) Project DRC2013-00080

- (a) Chevron provided updated project description on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

- (b) Staff to analyze environmental determination

- ii) AVILA VALLEY COMMITTEE

- (1) Project N-DRC2024-00031

- (a) Project approved by Planning Commission on 2/13/2025

- (2) Project DRC2014-00111
    - (a) Project on hold; waiting on applicant's response
- iii) **LAND USE COMMITTEE**
  - (1) Project DRC2021-00015
    - (a) Scheduled for Planning Commission on April 10<sup>th</sup>
- iv) **2025 COMMUNITY ADVISOR COUNCIL ORIENTATION**
  - (1) Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at SLO Library room 995 at 8:30am
  - (2) Susan Strachan: Discussed de-commissioning of plant's 1 & 2 reactors
- e) **Public Works – John Waddell**
  - i) Update of Roundabout Construction: on scheduled & within budget; closure after July 4<sup>th</sup> for ~40 days; all traffic will be diverted to San Luis Bay Drive.
- f) **County Parks – Tanya Richardson**
  - i) Vehicles on Bob Jones trail: Sycamore Springs workers -temporary; plan to install stop signs and warning signs for speeders.
  - ii) Plan to replace benches in Avila.
- g) **Port San Luis- Mary Matakovich**
  - i) Plan to suspend work on Avila pier and focus on Harford pier.
- h) **County Supervisor – Dawn Ortiz-Legg**
  - i) Review of recent BOS's meetings:
    - (1) Emphasis on Fire Strategic Plan: Need for fire stations outside Avila.
    - (2) Plans for Exit and emergency evacuation routes.
    - (3) Will have response to 2 AVAC letters.
    - (4) Plans for evacuation drills.
    - (5) Will advocate for increased funding.
  - ii) Maintenance planned for Bob Jones Trail & First Street Drainage in Avila.
  - iii) Plans for additional trails.
  - iv) Would prefer Roundabout be delayed until September.
- 6) **Old Business**
  - a) **No Report**
- 7) **New Business**
  - a) **No Report**
- 8) **Community Liaisons**
  - a) **Avila Beach Civic Association - (Mary Matakovich)**
    - i) Bingo Night on April 1st
  - b) **Avila Beach Foundation – (Rick Howe)**
    - i) **Memorial for Saul Goldberg**
    - ii) \$15K fund for Avila Pier construction
  - c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon – (Eric Daniels)**
    - i) Reactors: # 1 at 100% and #2 at 50%
    - ii) Conducted tour for 17 Avila individuals
- 9) **AVAC Committees**
  - i) **LandUse –**
    - (1) **No Report**

- ii) Diablo – Michael Claton
    - (1) Participated in Diablo tour;
    - (2) Maintenance on Reactor will require some 1000 workers in April
  - iii) Port – Mary Matakovich
    - (1) California Energy Commission: granted \$3M for O&M study on Windmill maintenance in Port San Luis
  - iv) San Luis Bay Estates – Percy Jones
    - (1) No Report
  - v) Avila Valley – Julia Hartzell
    - (1) No Report
  - vi) See Canyon – Denise Allen
    - (1) Preparing for chipping in See Canyon
  - vii) Squire Canyon – Margaret Greenough
    - (1) No Report
  - viii) Ad Hoc Fire Staffing – Percy Jones
    - (1) No Report
- 10) Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 14, 6PM
- 11) Adjourn at 8:03pm