

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date July 14, 2025

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- 1) **Call to Order:** by the chair, Denise Allen for regular meeting at 6:00 PM.
Roll call (present): Mary Matakovich, Judy Katz, Julia Hartzell, Sheri Robesky, MaryEl Hansen, Carol Hayden, Percy Jones, Steve Benedict, Bob Pusanik, Denise Allen, Tom Rippner.
Quorum was established.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**
A motion was made by Carol Hayden and seconded by Mary Matakovich to accept the minutes. The motion carried.
- 3) **Chair's Comments:**
 - a) **No Report**
- 4) **Public Comment:**
 - a) There were 5 individuals who offered public comment: 3 of the individuals offered negative comments relating to the Windmill project and 2 individuals offered a criticism of AVAC's handling of the Avila Barn Project. Steve Rossi mentioned the truck show will take place on July 26/27th w/o involvement of the golf course owners. No permit will be required.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a) Current Balance of \$967.73 w/June's Zoom expense of \$16.98 and a PO BOX renewal of \$84.00
- 6) **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - a) **Sheriff:** -Commander Hank Abbas was not present; his report:
 - i) 104 calls for Service, 34 in Avila compared to 138/31 in 2024; Disturbance 7; Suspicious Circs: 2; Enforcement Stops 13; and Preventative Patrol Activity 8.
 - b) **Highway Patrol-** Lt James Ferguson
 - i) The Highway patrol answered many questions from the public.
 - c) **CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Paul Lee**
 - i) There were 64 calls for Service of which 38 were medical related; Newly installed Repeater site was cleared and functional.
 - d) **Planning – Jeremy Freund/Susan Strachan**
 - i) **Avila Beach Committee**
 - (1) C-DRC2021-00028
 - (a) Scheduled for Planning Commission hearing on July 24th
 - (2) C-DRC2024-00039
 - (a) Project has been withdrawn
 - (3) DRC2013-00044
 - (a) Harbor Terrace/Flying Flags proposal for an additional 40,000 gallon water tank
 - ii) **Avila Valley Committee**

- (1) N-DRC2025-00015
 - (a) Bassi HOA reviewed and recommended approval of project; accepted for processing.
- iii) Squire Cannon Committee
 - (1) LRP2024-00008
 - (a) Applicant requested hold on project, pending revised project description by consultant Mandi Pickens who was replaced by Jamie Kirk; there is a meeting scheduled for the Squire Canyon group on Monday the 24th at 5:30pm at Tom Rippners'.
- iv) Diablo Canyon Power Plant Committee – Susan Strachan
 - (1) Diablo Decommissioning Final EIR
 - (a) Received updated information from PG&E; create schedule for Final EIR.
- e) Public Works – John Waddell
 - i) Gave a detailed explanation of the Roundabout Closure from August 18 to September 26; Traffic control, including signage and flaggers would help motorists navigate through the detour by using San Luis Bay Drive/Ontario Road.
- f) County Parks – Tanya Richardson
 - i) Cave Landing parking was completed and operational; no parking signs for golf carts will be installed in Avila; and benches will be refurbished or replaced.
- g) Port San Luis- New Replacement
 - i) The new director effective August 2025 will be Will Friedman
- h) County Supervisor – Dawn Ortiz-Legg
 - i) Discussed the following subjects:
 - (1) BOS passed the budget w/\$38M reduction.
 - (2) BOS passed a Weed Abatement Ordinance.
 - (3) There will be a discussion on the State Water Policy at the July15th BOS meeting.
 - (4) Due to an injury w/electric bikes on the Bob Jones Trail, there will be restrictions on their use.
 - (5) The C10 truck show will take place on July 26/27th w/o permit
 - (6) Concern about a law suit in regard to Lopez lake water effluent.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) No Report
- 8) New Business
 - a) Presentation by James Worthley of SLOCOG:
 - i) Request to increase sales tax by ½ cent for additional State funding allocation; would require 2//3s vote by residents.
- 9) Community Liaisons
 - a) Avila Beach Civic Association - (Mary Matakovich)
 - i) Announced Director replacement in August
 - b) Avila Beach Foundation – (Rick Howe)
 - i) ABCF is in the process of evaluating and accepting charitable projects that will enhance Avila Beach.

- c) PG&E/Diablo Canyon – (Eric Daniels)
 - i) No Report
- 10) AVAC Committees
 - i) LandUse –
 - (1) No Report
 - ii) Diablo – Michael Claton
 - (1) No Report
 - iii) Avila Beach– Mary Matakovich
 - (1) Pancake breakfast and Doggies show were a success
 - iv) San Luis Bay Estates – Percy Jones
 - (1) Since there are no permits for the Truck Show, there is a concern about vehicle violations, open fires and emergency evacuation.
 - v) Avila Valley – Julia Hartzell
 - (1) No Report
 - vi) See Canyon – Denise Allen
 - (1) No Report
 - vii) Squire Canyon – Tom Rippner
 - (1) No Report
 - viii) Ad Hoc Fire Staffing – Percy Jones
 - (1) No Report
- 11) Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 , 6PM
- 12) Adjourn at 7:55pm