

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date Aug 11, 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, Julia Hartzell, MaryEl Hansen, Carol Hayden, Jim Hartig, Percy Jones, Steve Benedict, Bob Pusanik, Denise Allen, John Janowicz, Tom Rippner.

Quorum was established.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Bob Pusanik and seconded by Jim Hartig to accept the July minutes. The motion carried.

Chair's Comments:

- a) No Report

- 3) **Public Comment:**

- a) Two speakers spoke against Wind Farm Proposal; Golf course representative mentioned there will be a Symphony on August 30th during the Roundabout shut down and Shron Suits mentioned during the Truck Event, there were numerous parking violations on Blue Heron Drive.

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

- a) Current balance of \$950.74 with July's expense of \$16.98 for Zoom. Will receive a County Grant for \$703 to be used for mailers.

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

- a) Sheriff: - Commmander Hank Abbas:

- i) 142 calls for service, 45 in Avila compared to 1668/58 in 2024; Assault/Battery 2; Disturbance 8; Theft 3; Vandalism 2; Suspicious Circs; 4; Enforcement Stops 4; and Preventative Patrol Activity 20.

- b) Highway Patrol- Lt James Ferguson

- i) Answered questions in regard to Roundabout shutdown

- c) CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Paul Lee

- i) There were 62 calls for service of which 32 were medical related; conducted coordination meeting with Diablo Canyon Fire Group and reviewed emergency access of the Roundabout project. Also discussed 2nd emergency access with Squire Canyon residents.

- d) Planning – Jeremy Freund/Susan Strachan

- i) Avila Beach Committee

(1) DRC2013-00044

- (a) AVAC voted to have no comments on the Water Tank Project

- ii) Squire Cannon Committee

(1) LRP2024-00008

- (a) GPA request to rezone the property from AG to RR has been withdrawn.

(2) N-DRC2024-00042

- (a) Project currently on applicant -requested hold on events permit. Squire Canyon Committee will be submitting a letter in September in regard to the events permit.
 - iii) Diablo Canyon Power Plant Committee – Susan Strachan
 - (1) Diablo Decommissioning Final EIR
 - (a) Still waiting on PG&E for additional information before we could create a schedule for issuance of Final EIR.
 - e) Public Works – John Waddell
 - i) Presentation on Roundabout project that will shut down Avila Beach Drive intersection from Aug 18 – Sept 26.
 - f) County Parks – Tanya Richardson
 - i) No Report
 - g) Port San Luis- Will Friedman
 - i) New Harbor Master; stressed need to generate funds.
 - h) County Supervisor – Dawn Ortiz-Legg
 - i) Presented comments on following subjects:
 - (1) Bob Jones Trail
 - (a) County Parks has no authority to enforce regulations – need assistance from other sources
 - (2) AVAC Land Use Committees
 - (a) Improve feed back and coordination
 - (3) Avila Cleanup Day
 - (a) Creeks to the Coast; need volunteers
 - (4) BOS’s Board Meeting on Aug 19th; amendments on Land Use Multi-family Code and Weed Abatement Ordinance.
 - (5) September BOS’s meeting to include fee structure adjustments.
- 6) Old Business
 - a) Director Brian Locher-5K course City to the Sea. Presented outline of race which starts at 7:30am on November 16
- 7) New Business
 - a) Julia Hartzell proposed an amendment to the By Laws Article III, 2b to increase Avila Valley Members to 3 with 1 alternate. Motion by Hartig, seconded by Hayden and approved by AVAC members.
- 8) Community Liaisons
 - a) Avila Beach Civic Association - (Mary Matakovich)
 - i) No Report
 - b) Avila Beach Foundation – (Rick Howe)
 - i) The Foundation will be soliciting projects that will require funding by September.
 - c) PG&E/Diablo Canyon – (Eric Daniels)
 - i) Reduced transmission by 50% on Unit 2 and refueling operations in mid October
- 9) AVAC Committees
 - i) Land Use –
 - (1) No Report
 - ii) Diablo Ken Thompson

- (1) Independent Safety Committee – refueling and maintenance will require 1000 workers in October**
- iii) Port – Mary Matakovich**
 - (1) Study on Offshore Wind Project will be on hold**
- iv) San Luis Bay Estates – Percy Jones**
 - (1) No Report**
- v) Avila Valley – Julia Hartzell**
 - (1) No Report**
- vi) See Canyon – Denise Allen**
 - (1) Apple season starting in September**
- vii) Squire Canyon – Tom Rippner**
 - (1) Still searching for emergency exit**
- viii) Ad Hoc Fire Staffing – Percy Jones**
 - (1) Noticed there were 3 fire fighters on Station 62 vehicle**
- 10) Next Meeting Date: Monday, Sept 8, 6PM**
- 11) Adjourn at 7:45pm**