

## Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date Sept 8, 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, Vicki Book, Sheri Robesky, MaryEl Hansen, Jim Hartig, Matt Matter, Percy Jones, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Bob Pusanik, Ken Thompson, Denise Allen, Tom Rippner.

Quorum was established.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

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

- 3) **Chair's Comments:**

a) There will be a transportation survey; please participate-local roads first.

- 4) **Public Comment:**

a) Katie Sturtevant/golf course – events in October 9/10& 25<sup>th</sup>

b) Bria LoConte In regard to See Canyon Fire there were no emergency sirens.

c) Nicole Dorfman – Offshore windmill concerns

d) Sheri Robesky – Traffic with Avila Beach Drive closure going well.

e) Percy Jones – Defensible fire space ordinance needs to be simplified.

- 5) **Treasurer's Report**

a) Current balance of \$1636.75 after August expense of \$16.98 for Zoom and receipt of County grant of \$703 to be used for future mailers.

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

a) **Sheriff:** -Commander Hank Abbas:

i) There were 127 calls for service, 20 in Avila compared to 168/26 in 2024; Assault & Battery 1; Disturbance 3; Vandalism 2; Suspicious Circs: 3; Enforcement Stops 3; Preventative Patrol Activity: 5. Labor Day weekend was uneventful.

b) **Highway Patrol-** Lt James Ferguson

i) Reported on 3 vehicle accidents in Avila Beach plus one bike accident

c) **CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Paul Lee**

i) **On Duty**

ii) **Much gratitude for the resources and large effort to put out the See Canyon fire**

d) **Planning – Jeremy Freund/Susan Strachan**

i) **Avila Beach Committee**

(1) DRC2013-00044

(a) AVAC submitted a approval letter to Planning on August 20, 2025. N-DRC2024-00042

ii) **Diablo Canyon Power Plant Committee – Susan Strachan**

- (1) Diablo Decommissioning Final EIR; still working on documentation
- e) Public Works – John Waddell/Arron Yonker
  - i) Presented a mid construction status via PowerPoint. Traffic will be resumed by September 26; construction will be completed by January 2026. Flag status during week will be reduced.
- f) County Parks – Tanya Richardson
  - i) No report
- g) Port San Luis- Bill Friedman
  - i) Friedman attending conference; NR
- h) County Supervisor – Dawn Ortiz-Legg
  - i) Multi Family Housing Ordinance will focus on Commercial zoned properties; BOS will adopt ordinance on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - ii) Community Road Enhancement meeting will be available
  - iii) Cleanup day is Sept 10<sup>th</sup>;
  - iv) Avila Beach Office hours on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm.
  - v) Desal survey
- 7) Old Business
  - a) No Report
- 8) New Business
  - a) No Report
- 9) Community Liaisons
  - a) Avila Beach Civic Association - (Mary Matakovich)
    - i) Spaghetti Night on September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b) Avila Beach Foundation – (Rick Howe)
    - i) Avila Beach Foundation web site will be soliciting grant applications
  - c) PG&E/Diablo Canyon – (Eric Daniels)
    - i) Both units operating 100%
    - ii) NSC has tentatively approved 20 licenses pending on California acceptance which is expected at end of year.
- 10) AVAC Committees
  - i) Land Use –
    - (1) No Report
  - ii) Diablo – Ken Thompson
    - (1) FEMA has accepted excavation plans to date.
  - iii) Port – Mary Matakovich
    - (1) Marine conference
    - (2) Cleanup date on October 10<sup>th</sup>
  - iv) San Luis Bay Estates – Percy Jones
    - (1) No report
  - v) Avila Valley – Julia Hartzell
    - (1) No Report
  - vi) See Canyon – Denise Allen
    - (1) October is start of apple season
  - vii) Squire Canyon – Tom Rippner

(a) Draft letter regarding the Noland Project application was approved by AVAC.

viii) Ad Hoc Fire Staffing – Percy Jones

(1) Keep 3 personnel at Station 62 vehicle.

11) Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 13, 2025

12) Adjourn at 7:43 pm