

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA
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Date Oct 13, 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, Vick Book, John Janowicz, Julia Hartzell, Carol Hayden, Jim Hartig, Matt Matter, Percy Jones, Steve Benedict, Bob Pusanik, Ken Thompson, Denise Allen, Bradley Escobar, Tom Rippner.

Quorum was established.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

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

Chair's Comments:

- a) City to Sea Race in Avila on Nov 16th.

- 3) **Public Comment:**

- a) ABR representative announced an event at the golf course will be held on Oct 25th.

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

- a) Balance of \$1619.76 after September expense of \$16.99 for Zoom.

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

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

- i) There were 76 calls for service, 31 in Avila compared to 88/34 in 2024; Assault & Battery 2; Disturbance 2; Burglary 1; Teft 1; Suspicious Circ: 1; Enforcement Stops 1; Preventative Patro Activity 9. Quiet month; there is no apparent trend in Assault & Battery category.

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

- i) Minor crash on Avila Bay Drive; Full enforcement day on Halloween Oct 31st and will check abandoned vehicle on Avila Bay Drive.

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

- i) There were 61 calls for service of which 37 were medical. Caution regarding severe storm this evening and will be implementing zero zone tolerance on landscaping.

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

- i) **Avila Beach Committee**

- (1) DRC2025-00022

- (a) Harbor Terrace/Flying Flags proposal for an additional 40,000 gallon water tank; AVAC reviewed the project w/approval; applicant in progress of addressing comments.

- ii) **Squire Cannon Committee**

- (1) N-SUB2022-00034

- (a) Proposed subdivision of 35 acre parcel; project has been accepted for processing and is in the process of environmental review.
 - (2) N-DRC2024-00042
 - (a) Revising project description and will re-submit.
- iii) **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) **No Report**
- f) **County Parks – Tanya Richardson**
 - i) **No Report**
- g) **Port San Luis- Will Friedman**
 - i) Presented a PowerPoint slides on the Ports’ challenges and expectations
- h) **County Supervisor – Dawn Ortiz-Legg**
 - i) There will be BOS’s hearings on Vacation Rentals: Nov 4th – increase business license fee and Dec 16th a Land Use discussion to limit vacation rentals.
 - ii) Office hours on Oct 14th from 12 to 2pm
- 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 Nov 7th**
 - ii) **Community concern in regard to vacation rentals**
 - b) **Avila Beach Foundation – (Rick Howe)**
 - i) **Marina Searcy has joined the Foundation**
 - ii) In the process of awarding grants
 - c) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon – (Eric Daniels)**
 - i) Unit 1 is operating at 100% and Unit 2 is undergoing maintenance.
- 9) **AVAC Committees**
 - i) **Land Use –**
 - (1) **No Report**
 - ii) **Diablo – Ken Thompson**
 - (1) **The Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee will hold Public Meetings at the Avila Lighthouse Suites on Oct 22 & 23**
 - iii) **Port – Mary Matakovich**
 - (1) **See Will Friedman’s report**
 - iv) **Avila – Concern regarding vacation rentals mentioned by supervisor**
 - v) **San Luis Bay Estates – Steve Benedict**
 - (1) **No Report**
 - vi) **Avila Valley – Julia Hartzell**

- (1) No Report**
- vii) See Canyon – Denise Allen**
 - (1) Apple Season in the orchards**
- viii) Squire Canyon – Tom Rippner**
 - (1) No Report**
- ix) Ad Hoc Fire Staffing – Percy Jones**
 - (1) No Report**
- 10) Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 10th , 6PM**
- 11) Adjourn at 7:00 pm**