

## Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date Nov 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, Percy Jones, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Bob Pusanik, Denise Allen, Bradley Escobar, Mandi George, Ken Thompson.

Quorum was established.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

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

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

- a) Apple Season picking; Available at See Canyon orchards.

- 4) **Public Comment:**

- a) Ms. Kara Woodruff spoke on behalf of Senator Laird who proposed that PG&E should provide an improved mitigation package in regard to its extended license.

- b) Ms. Andrea Chelcik spoke on behalf of Dawn Addis

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

- a) Current balance of \$1602.77 with an October expense of \$16.99 for Zoom.

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

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

- i) There were 108 calls for service, 78 in Avila; of these there were 5 Disturbance of peace and 7 Suspicious Circumstances.

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

- i) No Report

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

- i) There were 44 calls for service of which 28 were medical. There was a water rescue incident at Pismo Beach and continued training efforts w/staff during October. There will be a Fire Safety Council meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

- i) San Luis Bay Estates Committee

- (1) N-SUB2025-00066

- (a) Request for Parcel Map to subdivide lot 69 into 4 parcels for sale and development. Information hold letter issued Oct 31, 2025.

- ii) Diablo Canyon Power Plant Committee – Susan Strachan

- e) **Public Works – John Waddell**

- i) First phase of the Roundabout project is in place with completion of the second phase by early February.

- ii) Single lane wooden bridge on Monte Rd. by Squire Canyon is scheduled to be replaced next year.
- f) County Parks – Tanya Richardson
  - i) No Report
- g) Port San Luis- Will Friedman
  - i) Pending board approval, there will be plans for new restaurant on Harford pier; engineering studies related to grant funding on a windmill project and plans for a boat landing on the Avila pier.
- h) County Supervisor – Dawn Ortiz-Legg
  - i) The County Board of Supervisors has added a CEO and 3 deputies to address the administration of the various departments that previously reported directly to the BOS.
  - ii) In order to increase the Cal Fire staffing and Sheriff Deputies for additional safety needs, the BOS is researching increases in sales tax.
  - iii) In order to cover Code Enforcement activities the BOS has imposed a \$320 annual fee on all vacation rentals.
  - iv) There will be discussions on future electric bike storage units in Avila.
  - v) County code enforcement has initiated court injunction to stop event activities.
  - vi) Supervisor’s office hours are on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.
- 7) Old Business
  - a) No Report
- 8) New Business
  - a) Slide presentation by Regional Water Quality Board in regard to PG&E’s 5 year extension of the Diablo Nuclear facility.
- 9) Community Liaisons
  - a) Avila Beach Civic Association - (Mary Matakovich)
    - i) Success at recent Avila Beach dinner
  - b) Avila Beach Foundation – (Rick Howe)
    - i) Foundation will issue 2026 grants in the amount of \$115,000.
  - c) PG&E/Diablo Canyon – (Eric Daniels)
    - i) Both units are operating at 100%;
    - ii) PG&E plans to replace overhead lines on Bob Jones Trail with underground cables along San Luis Bay Drive.
- 10) AVAC Committees
  - i) LandUse –
    - (1) No Report
  - ii) Diablo – Michael Clayton
    - (1) Maintenance at Unit 2 in October involved over 1,000 workers and discussions regarding plant extension are undergoing between various parties.
  - iii) Port – Mary Matakovich
    - (1) Refer to Will Friedman’s report.
  - iv) San Luis Bay Estates – Steve Benedict

(1) Proposed development on lot 69 will be discussed by SLBE Committee on Dec 4th

v) Avila Valley – Julia Hartzell

(1) Support PG&E's pole replacement

vi) See Canyon – Denise Allen

(1) No Report

vii) Squire Canyon – Tom Rippner – No report

viii) Ad Hoc Fire Staffing – Percy Jones

(1) No Report

11) Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 8th , 6PM

12) Adjourn at 7:54 pm