

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo, CA

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Date February 9, 2026

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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, Julia Hartzell, Sheri Robesky, MaryEl Hansen, Mikey Giugni, Carol Hayden, Jim Hartig, Matt Matter, Steve Benedict, Ken Thompson Denise Allen, Tom Rippner, Kristen McKiernan. Quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
A motion was made by Carol Hayden and seconded by Jim Hartig to accept the minutes. The motion carried.
3. **Chair's Comments:** Chair acknowledged Chief Paul Lee's retirement and his many contributions to the community in his over 16 years of service to AVAC. Chair made a motion and seconded by Ken Thompson to approve Mary Matakovich as AVAC Secretary.
4. **Public Comment:** Kristen McKiernan presented a presentation on her son Hunter's Eagle Scout project building a new sign/kiosk at the entrance to the Bob Jone Trail on Ontario Road.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance \$1092.62 with a January expense for Zoom of \$16.99.
6. **County and Local Agency Reports:**
 - A. **Sheriff: Commmander Abbas:** 71 call for service as compared to 95 in January 2205. 9 enforcment stops.
 - B. **Highway Patrol: Lt. Ferguson:** (Received via e-mail) 2 crashes, 1 on Avila Beach Drive and First Street, 1 on 1st street and San Luis Street.
 - C. **Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Provence:** 42 calls for service, majority were medical.
 - D. **Planning: Jeremy Freund:** Dominc Dal Porto gave community updates. March 10 study session at Board of Supervisors Chamber for Regional Housing Planning.
 - E. **Public Works: John Waddell reports:** No report
 - F. **County Parks: Tanya Richardson:** No report.
 - G. **Port San Luis: Will Friedman:** No report
 - H. **Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg:** Kelley Abbas reported. Board authorized bids for Bob Jones Path Gap Closure Project. Increase project notifications from 300 to 1,000 feet will go before BOA on March 26. Noland Project before Planning Commission on February 26. March 10 Board Meeting update on Budget. March 17 Roundabout Ribbon Cutting. Community Office Hours February 24, 1:30-3:30.
7. **Old Business:**
 - No report.
8. **New Business:**
 - No report
9. **Community Liaisons:**
 - **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich:** Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo on March 6 at the Avila Beach Civic Association.

- **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Rowe:** No Report
- **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric:** DCPD is at full power on both units making clean, reliable power for 9% of California, which equals about 4 million households and businesses. And I answered Ken's question about the status of the DCPD Decommissioning Permitting process. Letting him and AVAC know that PG&E is still reviewing the DEIR considering recent regulatory actions toward extended operations. So, there is no timeline regarding the Decommissioning Permits at this time. The existing efforts to seek relicensing for the current 5-year period as authorized by the State were explained.

10. AVAC Committees:

- a. **Land Use:** No report
- b. **Diablo Canyon: Michael Clayton:** Report by Ken Thompson. Diablo Canyon Tour with members of the Diablo Canyon Safety Committee is available February 19, 11:30 AM. Must sign up ahead of time for security check. Call 831-329-9531. When tour is full phone will not be answered.
- c. **Port: Mary Matakovich:** Board of Commissioner' January agenda was reviewed. Two RFP's are out. Legal services and the Harford Pier with businesses. Avila Pier Landing Relocation Feasibility and Project Funding. Dredging Operations. Underground Storage Tank Removal. Appointment of the Harbor Director as the Treasurer. Harbor Patrol Policies. Harbor Director will be developing a Strategic Planning process which will update the district's vision, goals and objectives. The feasibility study for the Port as an Operations and Maintenance facility is anticipated shortly. Once the study is presented by the County to the Port there will be discussions and community input.
- d. **Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich:** The committee is awaiting information on Project #1 on the spreadsheet. Project #2 has been responded to previously. No further comments. Presented comments on Project #3 to the Council. Council approved for distribution.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates: Steve Benedict:** Presented comments letter for Harford Ridge Project. Council approved for distribution.
- f. **Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell:** Committee is working on improved communication for residents and commercial businesses. Monitoring projects on Ontario Rd. King, not approved yet, Avila Canyon, approved and is developing rapidly. Committee is aware of pre-meeting for commercial project at Ontario Rd. and San Luis Bay Drive.
- g. **See Canyon: Denise Allen:** Reported successful chipping event for neighbors. So many participated and extra day was added.
- h. **Squire Canyon: Tom Rippner:** No report.
- i. **Ad Hoc Fire Staffing:**

11. Next Meeting Date: March 9, 2026, 6:00 PM. Via Zoom.

12. Adjourn: 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Matakovich, Secretary.