

Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC)

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Date April 13, 2026

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1. **Call to Order:** by the chair, Denise Allen for a regular meeting at 6:00 PM, via Zoom.

Roll call (present): Mary Matakovich, Judy Katz, Julia Hartzell, Mikey Giugni, Kristen McKiernan, Sheri Robesky, Carol Hayden, Jim Hartig, Matt Matter, Steve Benedict, Michael Clayton, Ken Thompson, Denise Allen, Tom Rippner. 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:** Denise Allen reminded new and old Council Members of the CAC Orientation Workshop on May 1. Registration is open.

4. **Public Comment:** Katie Sturtevant invited all to the concert on May 7 at the Golf Course. The Central Coast Aquarium is hosting the Children's Business Fair this year in May. There will be more information to follow.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Steve Benedict reported the current balance, \$1068.54, with a March expense for Zoom of \$16.99.

6. County and Local Agency Reports:

A. **Sheriff: Commander Abbas** reported that there were mostly prevention incidents this past month.

B. **Highway Patrol: Lt. Ferguson** reported that there were two crashes and mainly parking issues. The CHP will be present at the concert on the 7th. He noted that there were 40 DUIs and 500 verbal warnings this month.

C. **Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Provence** reported there were 65 calls for service with 18 medical service calls. He alerted the Council that it's Dry Fire Season and advised the Council to be aware and watch for anything unusual. The structure fire on Meadowbrook Lane was handled quickly and efficiently. Council members confirmed.

D. **Planning: Jeremy Freund** invited Council members to attend the CAC Orientation Meeting. Register by April 17. He reviewed the spreadsheet highlighting: Cave Landing item to have a hearing late in 2026. The First Street Amendment Request to their Development Plan hearing's recommendation pending. Monte Road project applied and hearing date to be set. Sheri Roebesky and Julia Hartzell noted the King Project has been "in the works" since 2015 and would like clarification on its status; Supervisor stated there will be a follow-up.

E. **Public Works: John Waddell:** No report

F. **County Parks: Tanya Richardson:** No report

G. **Port San Luis: Will Friedman:** Report under Port Committee Report

H. **Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg:** Highlights were:

- Project Notification Boundaries – In-and-Out of URL will be 1,000ft notification did not pass at the BOS level. Supervisor will direct the Planning Director to act within Avila to have a 1,000 ft notification.
- Beautification Downtown in Avila involves: Plant Selection, Rocks, Clean-up, Grant process (need to know how much), Garbage Receptacles. PG&E have donated \$2500 to this effort. Note: The Parks Department is in the process of replacing benches.
- Business Input – April 28 and 29 there will be Invitation Only Meetings to get input from the local businesses and the CSD. The idea is how we can do better.
- Miscellaneous: Signage at the Avila Roundabout, signage at Monte Road, Review of the markings around the circle, Turtle Sculpture replacing the telephone with education provided by the Aquarium, and what is the process for funding.
- Office hours: May 14, 1:30-3:30pm

7. Old Business:

- No report

8. New Business:

No report

9. Community Liaisons:

- **Avila Beach Civic Association: Mary Matakovich** encouraged members to mark their calendars for the July 4th Pancake Breakfast at the Civic Association Building followed by the Dog Parade in the promenade.
- **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Rowe** stated that the Foundation is supporting the PathPoint Program funding request; they maintain the sidewalks along the beach.
- **PG&E / Diablo Canyon: Eric Daniels** reports: 1) Both units are producing clean, reliable energy for 4 million Californians at 100%. 2) On April 2, the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved PG&E's 20-year license renewal application for extended operations of Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The NRC's approval follows a transparent and public process through which the agency determined that Diablo Canyon is safe and environmentally sound to operate for another 20 years. However, any extension of operations past 2030 would still require action from the California legislation.

10. AVAC:

- a. **Land Use: No** report
- b. **Diablo Canyon: Michael Clayton:** No report
- c. **Port: Mary Matakovich:** Will's report to the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) at their March meeting: 1) No response to Harford Pier RFP; staff is investigating alternatives and continues to renovate the pier. 2) Retail Seafood lease has completed the bidding process; Board will take action on it at their Special Meeting on the 20th. 3) County Feasibility Study on Offshore Wind will be presented at a Special Meeting on April 28, 3:30-5:30 at the Avila Beach Civic Association. Following the Special Meeting, there will be the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting beginning at 6PM. 4) There is a proposal by the Cal Poly's Rodeo Coach to hold a Rodeo on the beach. There will be more information at the next meeting. 5) Contract negotiations for the Harbor Patrol and the SEIU staff are going well. 6) A desalinization project is being proposed by Seawell and the ABCSD; more specifics to follow. 7) On April 23, from 9-2pm the BOC and staff will be participating in a Strategic Visioning and Planning Process Workshop; this is a scheduled meeting and open to the public.

- d. **Avila Beach: Mary Matakovich:** The committee is up to date on the project reviews, pending Planning Department action. Two items (JADU and a rental without a permit) were reported to County Code Enforcement and handled properly.
- e. **San Luis Bay Estates: Steve Benedict** presented a revised memo on Lot 69 and 70 for Council's approval. Discussion resulted in an additional statement: Before removal of any native tree (i.e., oak or sycamore), the tree must be deemed unhealthy to be removed. Motion made by Denis Allen and seconded by Carol Hayden. Motion carried.
- f. **Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell** stated her concern about the King Project earlier in the meeting.
- g. **See Canyon: Denise Allen** gratefully thanked CalFire for their impressive response to the fire.
- h. **Squire Canyon: Tom Rippner** recapped the process with the Monte Road Project, which now is to be heard by the BOS.
- i. **Ad Hoc Fire Staffing:** No report.

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

12. Adjourn: 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mary Matakovich, Secretary.