

Concerned Citizens for Avila Newsletter

October 2016



*Together we can protect the natural environment,
safety and accessibility of Avila.*

"Envision Avila"

Presented by SLO County Department of Planning & Building

Thursday, October 27

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Avila Beach Community Center

Attend this community meeting to participate in the kick-off of the Avila Community Plan (General Plan) Update. Learn about the Update process and how you can influence the future of Avila. [Here's the flyer from the County.](#)

Wear your blue t-shirts!

Let's Clarify:

CC4A Position Statements

To be effective, it helps to agree on the problem and possible solutions. CC4Avila offers the following position statements as guidance:

Development Hold: Support hold on discretionary permits until the General Plan Update determines congestion management and adequate water supplies.

During the estimated 3 to 5 years necessary to update the Avila Community Plan,

it is possible that major Avila area projects could be approved, as well as numerous small ones. The County has established that traffic volumes already are unacceptably high on Fridays through Sundays during the majority of the year.

Lopez Lake, the major water source for downtown Avila Beach and Port San Luis, has less than a two-year supply. Most of the Avila area relies primarily on a groundwater source (the Avila Valley Sub-Basin) which has no estimated "safe basin yield." (SLO County Resource Summary Report.)

Conservation: Support conservation of Wild Cherry Canyon and other Diablo Lands.

Existing unsafe traffic congestion on Avila Beach Drive dictates conservation. And the 2000 advisory Dream Initiative, overwhelmingly approved by County voters, supports conservation of the Diablo Lands for the public to enjoy. A PUC hearing on Diablo's closure on October 20 will allow the public to provide input. SEE BOX BELOW FOR DETAILS.

Event Permits: Support establishment and enforcement of a permitting procedure that is applied to ALL "Temporary Events" (including at the golf course and Wild Cherry Canyon).

There are existing ordinances in place requiring event permits (Title 23). Events for up to 3,000 attendees are exempt only when held at an approved event facility or if events are both "free admission" and "operated by non-profit organizations." Other requirements apply to larger events.

The number and frequency of unpermitted events at the golf course in Avila continually increase, as do problems, especially when these events are held at the same time as others. And unlike land uses with permits, the golf course has not contributed road fees while absorbing significant road capacity.

Event tickets typically do not include parking. This adds to the parking shortage and resultant congestion from parking searches. Also, Avila businesses suffer when event-goers take spaces from potential customers.

Most important is that the required permit process requires opportunity for public input.

Cave Landing: Support County management of Cave Landing to protect coastal resources, broaden public access and provide safety for visitors.

Cave Landing/Pirates Cove is county owned, but unmanaged. This scenic place of natural splendor is being trashed and vandalized. Proposed improvements by AVAC: Public hours for parking lot, graffiti removal program, trash receptacles, sanitary facilities and a smooth-surface parking area.

October 20 PUC Hearing on Diablo's Closure

This PUC hearing allows for public participation so residents and organizations in and near San Luis Obispo can provide their input to the CPUC about PG&E's request to close its Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

Location: San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden in El Chorro Regional Park, Oak Glen Pavilion Room, 450 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo

Time: Thursday, October 20, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, and again from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.



Terrie Moffa helping out at the annual Avila Beach Civic Association Pancake Breakfast in July.

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