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Mr. Gary Willey, Air Pollution Control Officer
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Dear Mr. Willey,

I am writing to suggest that the APCD and State Parks jointly request a continuance from the APCD Hearing Board to allow continued cooperative work toward spring mitigations at Oceano Dunes SVRA.

Due to many factors, it appears to me that both agencies would be

- APCD, State Parks and CARB have come up with some very creative ways that we are looking to implement mitigation this spring including approximately 145 acres of “operational mitigations” as well as 60 acres of planned “Dust Mitigation” acres as submitted to the Coastal Commission. We need to be spending time completing and implementing those plans.
- California State Parks has begun the process of a Public Works Plan for Oceano Dunes that will include comprehensive planning for dust mitigations as part of the overall development of the SVRA.
- The Coastal Commission will be considering this springs’ dust mitigation measures at its February 7-9 meeting for approval or amendment.
- New leadership at both of our agencies and the commitment from the Natural Resources Agency has created a more cooperative working environment that should be allowed time to attempt a positive outcome in the near future. As we have heard at all meetings, this issue has languished in an adversarial environment.

We feel that the measures we have jointly agreed to implement this spring far exceed anything that has been done to date and meet some of the options that were given to the Hearing Board to consider as abatement orders.

These factors and more merit a continuance to allow all parties to develop and implement mitigation measures prior to the windy season. Any abatement order generated at this time would most likely result in litigation that could delay the positive environment we have created.

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We hope you will consider a joint request to continue the hearing into the future to allow us all to continue the progress we are making on a cooperative approach rather than a combative approach to improving air quality in San Luis Obispo County. Attached please find a preliminary drawing of operational mitigations to consider.

Sincerely,



Mathew L. Fuzie; Deputy Director
California State Parks

Attachment