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Good Afternoon APCD Hearing Board Members,

Before making a decision on the stipulated abatement order this coming Monday, please take a step back and look at the big picture.

The APCD Hearing Board is focusing solely on OHV activity and ignoring other dust sources from an entire coastline of sand dunes. The coastline will always be a source of PM10 and 2.5 emissions due to the oceans natural tides and currents. The Woodlands Development, where the majority of air quality complaints are coming from, is surrounded by the Phillips 66 the refinery, a mass amount of agriculture lands and dusty dirt roads that are the source of emissions. In addition to the coastline, naturally occurring dunes and onshore man-made sources of emissions, there are offshore sources that must be considered as well. If the APCD is not willing to further investigate these other sources, at a minimum, the APCD Hearing Board should request monitoring of other sand dunes on the Central Coast to get a baseline measurement of naturally occurring emissions. State Parks can only be held responsible for emissions that OHV activity causes, so it is imperative to understand the level of emissions produced at other open dune areas such as the Santa Barbara Dunes, Guadalupe Dunes or the Morro Bay Dunes.

Reading through the complaints, I see three main reasons for the complaints. The first reason is fear. A few people clearly have a genuine fear that OHV activity is causing the dust. The problem with this fear is that it is unfounded. Dunes will always result in emissions in windy conditions. That is why the dune landscape looks different nearly every day. The dust from OHV activity is

negligible compared to the naturally occurring dust from dunes and other sources. The intention of the air monitoring station was never to measure PM coming from the dunes. They were installed to monitor Phillips 66. There is a reason that cities up and down the California Coast choose NOT to measure emissions. They know emissions will be high because of the nature of the area; ocean currents and the life cycle of sand.

For the sake of brevity, I will combine the second and third reasons since they go hand in hand. For many, this fight boils down to social status and racism. Even though no proof exists that OHV activity is the main culprit of PM emissions, we still see the same people in red shirts attending meetings and bashing OHV activity. They use excited hand gestures and antidotes rather than facts when they speak because they are grabbing at straws. The majority of complaints come from rich and motivated people of retirement age with ulterior motives. If the park closes, and tourism dollars are lost, it will drive mid to low income families that rely on tourism related jobs to survive out of the area. Diverse tourists will not utilize our beach nearly as often because we do not have warm water beaches like that of San Diego. After all is said and done, we will be left with a demographic of primarily white, rich and retired golf club communities. That is exactly what they want, a community of their peers.

I hope you will consider this e-mail in the sea of other e-mails I know you have received in support of OHV activity and requests for more thorough science.

Thank you,

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