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To Whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my concern on the issues regarding the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreational Area.

Attention has been given to silica particulates in the air on the Mesa, and the the harmful side effects they cause the the residents down wind. The APCD has claimed that Oceano Dunes Vehicular Recreational Area is the source of the silica particulates that are harmful to the residents.

Recent studies have shown that this silica dust is originating from marine biological material, and not from the dune sand. With this scientific information available, why is there still talk of closure of dunes within the park ?

Is the APCD really concerned about the health of the residents down wind? Does the APCD just have an agenda to close dune lands used for vehicle recreation?

If the APCD is truly concerned about the health of the residents, then they should be focusing on the actual source of the silica dust, which the studies have shown is not dune sand. It now appears that the source may be the ocean waters.

In addition, why has deforestation been allowed on the Mesa? In the past this was a wind break that kept out the dust out. Why is there no mandates or talks of replanting trees?

The dunes recreational area is a place for good clean family fun, that draws huge economic benefits to our local communities.

Concerned Arroyo Grande Resident:

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