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When the abatement hearings were kicked off at the California Coastal Commission, I was called as the first “public comment speaker”.

I approached the panel of commissioners, took a moment to let the crowd settle down a bit; and then simply said...” this issue has become a tin can that has been kicked down the road for the past eight years...the science is in...the plumes of airborne particulates from the dune riders impact the health and safety of those down wind from the dune riders...it is time to stop kicking the can down the road...and then I held up a TIN CAN that was labeled, HEALTH and PUBLIC safety...and rolled it toward the commissioners.

Despite the ill informed rhetoric of the “friends of the dunes” (a misnomer if ever there was one”) as they wreak havoc on the environment and contribute to the health issues; its time to stop kicking the can down the road and do the right thing to mitigate the dust NOW!.

Much has been said about the economic impact that the dune riders bring to the area. Let me ask a simple question...why are these dunes the only area along the California Coast that allows riding on the beach? What do the other towns know that we don't. Certainly these coastal communities are not devastated by the loss of income. In fact most are destination areas for vacationers and visitors who spend money at local hotels, local shoppes, local gift stores, local restaurants, and local venues and leave a minimal environmental “foot print”.

I would argue that the economic opportunity costs are lost due to the dune riders as other visitors who would spend more money would create an economic renaissance to the area and yes spend more money. Look only to Pismo Beach and the new hotels near the pier...these visitors are not dune riders in the main; and they spend royally and create more local jobs.

Simply stated, I'm not saying close down the riding area; but restrict is and restrict the number of riders perhaps by raising entrance fees. Leave the area open for camping for those who have said they come to watch the sun-sets. I have been on the dunes and I sincerely doubt that those riders are there to experience the stunning sun sets as they ride well into darkness of the evening. The beauty of the evening is brutalized and assaulted by the cacophonous “vroom, vroom, vroom” of motors rather than the ebb and flow of the waves on the beach.

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Sent via 2 cans and a string!