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Dear Alyssa,

I would like to voice my concern about the continued stalling on the Oceano Sand Dunes clean air issue. This debate has been going on for several years. It is appalling to see that the right to basic clean air for human health has been ignored in favor of a sport activity. As the Nipomo Mesa area continues to develop, there will be more people affected. These residents are bringing a valuable financial contribution to the area, which should not be ignored. There have to be options that will substantially lower the proven health risks while still offering recreational facilities in a safer, more contained way.

At the last meeting in March, the Hearing Board, Parks and the APCO were directed to come back with a plan to produce a 50% reduction in air pollution. Apparently, the new abatement order states a goal of 50% in five years but there is no plan to get there. Their plan produces only a 12% PM10 reduction this year. They also plan a 5% a year further reduction which will get them to 50% pollution reduction by 2026. Their goals are based on CARB modeling rather than measurements of what we breathe. There are no metrics and associated milestones for pollution reductions and no penalties for non-performance.

Please help us do something about this very serious issue.

1. We deserve clean air now.
2. The proposed abatement order is essentially the same as the previous one which is woefully deficient and unsatisfactory.
3. The Hearing Board needs to act to provide immediate relief to the residents of the Mesa. A significant reduction should be required up front, not employed piecemeal over five years. We have been waiting for eight years and enough is enough. (This is a critical point.)
4. The Hearing Board should direct the immediate closing of the most emissive 200 acres now.
5. The Hearing Board should order that the 200 acres be fully vegetated by September 1, 2018.

6. The Hearing Board should order the restoration of a fully vegetated berm area by September 1, 2018.
7. The Hearing Board should measure the results and if 200 acres doesn't reduce the pollution level by 50%, then order the closing of another 100 acres by April 1, 2019.
8. The Hearing Board should stipulate fines for non-performance.

Thank you,

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