

R. Toti Comments to Hearing Board

Dear Hearing Board Members and APCO Willey,

I am disappointed with the ongoing delays of the abatement action begun in 2019. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Nipomo was again #1, 2, and 3 on the U.S. EPA Airnow.gov site for highest Air Quality Index (the bad air type). See attached maps. These readings continued for several hours each day. A visible plume hung over the Mesa. A neighbor living in Trilogy emailed me to say the AQI monitor near them read 160 (Unhealthy) on Oct. 11. The Mesa 2 monitor registered 4 hours in excess of 189 micrograms. Graph attached.

I know, much like last year, the Hearing Board has little choice but to go along with the Air Pollution Control Officer's decision to approve no new mitigation for 2024. After all it's what the APCD, State Parks and the SAG want. Sadly, we are two months away from December 31, 2023 when this problem was to have been solved. I was looking forward to the end of abatement and Hearing Board oversight. That's not happening. You are going down the 1939 Pre-disturbance rabbit hole. And the rabbits are eating fruit salad now, not apples or oranges.

Did you ever wonder why actual background levels from monitors north and south of the riding area were not used? Most likely because they would show MORE mitigation is needed not less. Of course we were told something like, there are more plants in front of the monitors in the Dune Preserve and Oso Flaco. Those readings would not be good for comparison. On the other hand, planting vegetation in front of and in alignment with the CDF monitor is acceptable, if it lowers the readings.

Lowering the S.O.A. initial goals in 2022 began the downward slide. Now 32% reduction in emissions is a great achievement. Mother Nature can do better and did in 2020. 46% reduction in emissions after 5 months of no vehicles on the dunes. The beauty of lowered expectations is it lulls the residents into a false sense of "mission accomplished". Many think the problem has been solved. Clearly it has not.

Rachelle Toti

Nipomo Mesa resident

AQMIS web pages were recently revised. Please report any problems to aqmis@arb.ca.gov

AQMIS 24 Hour Summary for Hourly PM10 (BAM)
for Nipomo-Guadalupe Road
10/11/2023
Micrograms/Cubic Meter (ug/m3)

Hour	Value		Hour	Value
00-01	13.0		12-13	205.0
01-02	12.0		13-14	335.0
02-03	9.0		14-15	248.0
03-04	12.0		15-16	189.0
04-05	14.0		16-17	137.0
05-06	10.0		17-18	70.0
06-07	18.0		18-19	46.0
07-08	21.0		19-20	42.0
08-09	24.0		20-21	45.0
09-10			21-22	35.0
10-11	26.0		22-23	26.0
11-12	82.0		23-00	29.0

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Hours listed are in Pacific Standard Time. Add one hour to convert to PDT.

Blank values indicate data not available.

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The capital letter in parentheses is an arbitrarily-assigned monitor id.

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