

March 12, 2018

San Luis Obispo County
Air Pollution Control District
Hearing Board Members

Dear Hearing Board Members,

At the January 30 hearing, you, the Hearing Board members, asked the public to provide input into a mitigation solution it "would be comfortable with." This note is a response to your request.

For the past six years we have had 60 to 90 days a year where rule 1001 is violated. It took our former APCO, Mr. Larry Allen, six years before he issued an abatement order. I believe the reason for this delay was that Larry was under the control of a Board of Supervisors (BOS), which has three out of its five members favoring business interests over health. At a recent Coastal Commission meeting our new APCO, Mr. Gary Willey, ignored the recommendations in the abatement order and agreed with the Park District on vegetating 20 acres. The APCD staff estimates the result will be a 7 to 11% reduction in pollution. Let's call it 9%. Why did Willey agree on only a 9% reduction in pollution? That won't move the needle on the number of pollution violation days.

I suspect our APCD/O, Mr. Willey, is now under control of the same three BOS members who favor business interests over residents' health. If Mr. Willey and State Parks have achieved a Stipulated Agreement, please examine it carefully for the amount area that is vegetated and the percentage pollution reduction it purports to achieve. If it is less than 200 acres or less than a 50% reduction in pollution, please reject it.

The abatement order suggested four options including 100, 200 and 400 acres and closure. I requested that Mr. Willey ask CARB to model and run the first three scenarios so that the Hearing Board would have an estimate of the percentage pollution reduction. If these models have not been run, I suggest you task Mr. Willey to have them run.

You are an independent Board. Your goal should be to achieve clean air to protect our health. I urge you to mandate at least a 50% reduction in air pollution now. Please insist on a specific plan by Parks that uses the CARB

model to estimate the percentage reduction. Reconvene this board next year, examine the measurements and make appropriate adjustments to achieve at least a 75% pollution reduction for next year.

Sincerely,

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