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The SLO APCD has been taking actions to close all riding areas of the ODSVRA under the assumption that human activity is causing sand to be broken down into particulate matter that has silica in it which is then carried by wind into neighboring areas and is causing severe health concerns. Based on EVIDENCE those claims have no merit. In addition, I am highly concerned that there has been a coordinated effort by SLO APCD to bury information that may not fit into the your narrative that OHV are the cause of health concerns.

A study completed at the direction of State Parks in December 2017 shows that there is **NO DETECTABLE AMOUNTS** of silica in the sand within the ODSVRA. It doesn't say low levels or levels within acceptable rates. It says NO DETECTABLE AMOUNTS. APCD also did a study, but those results were never released to the public. WHY? Where is the data? Who decided not to release it? Was this decision made by the former APCO or by the board? Was this decision discussed at a public meeting or was it behind closed doors to keep the public in the dark?

A study released **this month** by Dr. Brian Palenik of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego (Scripps) also shows that the source of silica **IS** from an offshore source contrary to the findings of an APCD study from 2010. Did the silica magically disappear or was data manipulated to promote fear within the community and gain public support for their efforts to close the dunes to OHV?

I am also confused about why building on the Mesa has continued if the belief is that the air quality is harmful to humans. If you believe this is true why is Trilogy (the source of most air quality complaints) being allowed to continue to build? If the air is a significant risk to human health why are more people being allowed to live there? The Trilogy project Environmental Impact Report clearly states that tree removal and construction will make air quality significantly worse during project build-out. How can State Parks be expected to change the air quality on the Mesa during this development activity that has been clearly identified as a significant source of air quality pollution? I truly believe that you KNOW the air quality concerns are not related to OHV but it is a convenient scapegoat for your political agenda to get rid of a type of recreation that you don't agree with.

My mother purchased a house on the Mesa in 2012. She never had ANY health or respiratory problems. She sold her beautiful home in 2017. Her reason? She was afraid that home values were going to go down on the Mesa for two reasons: The first was the continued propaganda from APCD that air quality was "the worst in the nation". She didn't believe that for a minute but was afraid less educated people would. Second, she was worried that the OHV park would be closed and a loss of \$225 million in revenue would destroy the local economy which would then lead to an increase in her property and sales taxes to make up the difference in lost income to the community.

I am outraged that as a public quasi-government agency you have misled the public into believing that OHV is the source of silica and causing well-intentioned people to . This is a beach community. There is wind. There is sand. It's annoying...but it will not go away even if OHV shuts

down. But you know this, and continue to propagate fear within the community. Disgusting.

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