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Hello there,

During the recent Oceano Dunes SVRA Public Works meeting, you told us to stay in touch with you and tell you how we want to see the ODSVRA used in the future. We want to see an increase in the OHV riding area in light of the new information that has come to light.

The agreement State Parks is entering into with the SLO Air Quality Control Board is one-sided, biased and WILL ultimately eliminate 1,000 campsites and OHV riding at the Oceano Dunes SVRA. This is opposite of what millions of state park users want. How can you agree to this when science proves OHV activity is not the source of respirable dust issues?

Issue #1- APCO, Gary Wiley, says the goal is to reduce violations/dust by 30%. However, he still expects there will be about 10 violations per year. Order #9 in the draft agreement says State Parks will reduce emissions below state and federal requirements. Which is it? 30% with 10 violations a year or below State and Federal requirements? At a minimum, State Parks must make sure the agreement accurately reflects the real expectation. Order #9 is simply unattainable in a natural coastal dune environment. Even the APCO recognizes this, as does the CARB executive Kurt Karperos from his testimony at previous APCD meeting presentations. Please stick to your word and listen to the public comment before agreeing to reducing the riding area further.

Issue #2- If dust is truly affecting the health of Mesa residents, why is the County Health Officer, Penny Borenstein, not stepping in? If she is asked to comment, she will give a generic statement on what PM10 can do, but will not comment on the OHV Park or its contribution.

Issue #3- The Woodlands development, AKA Trilogy, is only in phase one of the project. Phase 2 is beginning development. The 133 complaints received by the APCD were from residents living in this unfinished development. The project EIR 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...with 133 complaints already logged? State Parks should not be signing up for this!

Issue #4- Due to the disingenuousness of the CDF monitor location to actual receptors, possibly a mean or median measurement of the three monitors can be used. At least the APCD should agree to take a holistic look at their monitoring sites, just as State Parks is with their recreation, before State Parks agrees to this.

We as off-roaders have solely been blamed for the dust, the APCD has hidden documents that would go against what they have said. The claim is that the dust is harmful to the health of people breathing it because it contains crystalline silica which is bad, but the results are in on testing that dust to see what it contains and the dust has NO MEASURABLE AMOUNT OF CRYSTALLINE SILICA in it. We know OHV activity is not the primary source of these dust emissions, and science is delivering more insight every day to other sources. It is too early for State Parks to make the concessions in this draft agreement. State Parks must back out of this proposed agreement.

http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/25010/files/Oceano_Dunes_SVRA_Scripps_Investigation_Planktonic_Aerosolized_Partacula.pdf

http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/25010/files/Determination_of_Airborne_Crystalline%20Silica_Quartz_Exposure_ODSVRA_12-14-2017.pdf

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How can you overlook the facts.

Now we all know that there has been a lot of corrupt politicians involved in what happens to our coastline and enough is enough. It is time to stand up for the voices of the millions and tell the truth. All in all, no closures for dust mitigation should be accepted, all the fencing and vegetation they are planting should be removed since the dust is not being caused by the OHV park.

I truly hope you take into considerations the facts...

Thank you,

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