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SUBJECT: Approval of the June 10, 2019 Draft Particulate Reduction Plan

Dear Mr. Canfield:

Thank you for incorporating comments on the preliminary version Draft Particulate Reduction Plan into this latest version. The Stipulated Order of Abatement (“SOA”) provides the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control Officer (“APCO”) with authority to approve a particulate matter reduction plan. As such, the Draft Particulate Reduction Plan dated June 10, 2019, (“DPMRP”) is hereby approved subject to the multiple qualifications and conditions as set forth in the DPMRP. In no way is this correspondence to be considered as an approval of a “definite course of action” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) guideline 15352. As stated in the DPMRP in multiple sections, the DPMRP does not constitute “a discrete action plan for dust control at the Oceano Dunes SVRA [and] future proposed dust control efforts would need to be in compliance with applicable statute and permitting requirements, and be evaluated for potential environmental impacts in compliance with CEQA.”

Although the DPMRP is identified as an initial, conceptual, and preliminary plan, it is approved as it defines what a proposed project should and could include. The SOA allows for “adaptive management” as is proposed, and it is anticipated that the development of annual work plans will improve upon implementation activities over time.

The APCO’s approval is conditioned on California Department of Parks and Recreation’s full compliance with all applicable rules, codes, and regulations, including but not limited to CEQA, and the prior approval from other regulatory agencies such as the California Coastal Commissioner and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any and all projects. CEQA determined project alternatives will be permitted as long as they meet the SOA particulate matter reduction requirements.

Subject to the foregoing, the June 10, 2019 DPRMP is approved.

Respectfully,

Gary E. Willey
Air Pollution Control Officer

Enclosures

cc: Hearing Board, District Board, District Counsel, California Coastal Commission & SAG