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San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Board of Directors

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Gary Willey, Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)

Dear APCD Board of Directors and APCO:

Subject: Scientific Advisor Group (SAG) and APCO Report – 23Sept2020 Meeting

As a Nipomo resident I am impacted by the unhealthy air emissions from the Oceano Dunes SVRA and I appreciate the work APCD is doing to resolve the issue.

I am concerned that members of the general public have not read or they are not aware of the SAG conclusions about dust emissions from the Oceano Dunes SVRA. This apparently results in confusion about the causes of the dust emissions and the progress and time frame for successful mitigation of the dust emissions.

I looked at the APCD website for the SAG comments about the continuing dust emissions from the Ocean Dunes during the Covid shutdown. I wanted to forward the material to several people. It was difficult to find the material because the website chronologically posts material and the reports do not easily identify the content.

I propose that the APCO prepare a brief and concise Fact Sheet concerning the highlights of the SAG conclusions concerning the cause of the dust emissions and that the “decades of OHV activity have fundamentally altered the natural beach-dune landscape, making the dunes significantly more susceptible to PM emissions than they would be in a natural state. The SAG does not expect a few weeks or months of temporary OHV restrictions to substantially alter the balance of human versus natural contributions to PM emissions at ODSVRA”

The June 30, 2020 Frequently Asked Questions is fine for all the detail and it could be used as an excellent starting point. It should be distilled down from 8 pages to 2 pages. I recommend that it be posted at the top of the **Oceano Dunes Particulate Emissions Reduction Efforts** and stays there. Also, I recommend that the website tab under Air Quality be changed from **Oceano Dunes Efforts** to **Oceano Dunes Dust Pollution**. This would allow website users a more accurate description of the website tab content.

Also, the “**Scripps Study**” should be refuted in the Fact Sheet and if the Huang et al.(2018) reference is used it should be cited as the final version Huang et al.(2019) not the preliminary version from 2018.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

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