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Alyssa Roslan, Please include my email below to the Public Comments submitted to the APCD Hearing Board's Meeting.
Thank you.

APCD Hearing Board,

The notice that the Air Pollution Control District will be presenting the status of the dunes dust mitigation efforts, and an amendment to the existing Stipulated Order of Abatement (SOA) amendment, is one of the most discouraging statements that one can hear. This effort to keep dancing around the impact of the pollution has been going on for over a quarter of a century! The right to clean air has been subjected to a 'death by process' quagmire.

Just know that as we witness the damage caused by Hurricane Helene and all the other increasingly disastrous climate impacts, that every excuse to avoid doing everything we can to protect the environment just adds to the problem. You can focus on whatever excuse you want but the net result is that the air pollution levels in the south county from the dune activity is very often above "safety" levels. Even that description is ironic since the very language carefully avoids calling the air "clean".

It's always about "follow the money". That's really it. Money is made from allowing driving on the dunes. Thank goodness for the people who are willing to hang-in there with these institutionalized delaying tactics in order to try to keep the pressure on for getting clean air — and not just an "acceptable level of pollution".

"Death by process" is what's happening regarding this issue. You don't have to let that be that way, you have the ability to do the right thing for all of our children and for the environment. But it takes courage to say that making money isn't going to be the highest criteria. Our kids can't breathe money.

Please stop referring to this issue as "acceptable levels" of pollution and start talking about clean air!

Sincerely,
Peg Pinard

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