

October 12, 2021

APCD Hearing Board  
San Luis Obispo County

Dear Board Members,

My comments are submitted for your consideration in the public hearing to be held on October 14, 2021.

You are being asked to accept a provisionally approved Annual Work Plan for the ODSVRA that falls far short of achieving the desired goals agreed to by both State Parks and the APCD. The plan proposes to complete just 90 additional acres of plantings in the coming year. As we are now three years into the Stipulated Order of Abatement, it is clear the number of acres planted to date plus the 90 acres proposed for 2022 will not be nearly enough to reach a 50% reduction in emissions by December 2023.

Here on the Nipomo Mesa we've just experienced very poor air quality during a period of high wind activity. To those who would say the air quality has improved, please see the attached graph. This represents some of the worst air quality we've seen over the past three years since the SOA was implemented. The only real relief we've had during this entire period was during the complete closure of the OHV riding areas, from March to October of 2020.

Some might say that with the recent Coastal Commission decision to cease OHV activity on the dunes you can relax your efforts to improve air quality. This would be a huge mistake. While the future closure action has been ordered, we know a number of legal challenges still have to play out. The outcomes are unknown. Thus the only remedy we have to count on today is enforcement of continuing efforts under this SOA. We urge you to stay the course and require compliance.

Do not accept this scaled down work plan. Please issue an order to review State Park's progress and revoke or modify the provisional approval of this plan.

Thank you for your attention.

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PM10 Concentration Over the Last Two Days

