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**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Sacramento, CA 95816**

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STAFF REPORT: Oceano Dunes SVRA – OHMVR Commission Letter
STAFF: Dan Canfield, Senior Park and Recreation Specialist
SUBJECT: Proposal to Draft a Support Letter for Oceano Dunes SVRA

Summary

At the January 2020 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission meeting the commission received a report from the Oceano Dunes Dust Control Program – Science Advisory Group. The report discussed the dust control projects being implemented in compliance with the San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District (SLO APCD) Stipulated Order of Abatement (SOA) and the associated monitoring and modeling data.

Based on the report, the OHMVR Commission requested the issue be brought back to a future OHMVR Commission for consideration of drafting a letter stating the Commission's position on the subject.

Discussion

Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) is located within the much larger Guadalupe-Nipomo dune system that stretches from southern SLO County to northern Santa Barbara County. This dune system formed over tens of thousands of years by natural sand supply and onshore winds. For several years California State Parks has been working with the SLO APCD on regional air quality issues. The region has very high PM 10 air pollution when powerful onshore winds blow across the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes.

In April 2018, as part of the SLO APCD Hearing Board process, California State Parks entered into a SOA with the SLO APCD. Through the SOA substantial portions of Oceano Dunes SVRA have been fenced-off to exclude public vehicular access and received some type of dust control treatment (i.e., straw mulch, native seed/plantings, wind fencing).

Some of the project topics that could be discussed in an OHMVR Commission letter include, but are not limited to:

- Modeling/Monitoring processes and findings
- Achievability of SOA goals
- Fiduciary responsibility relative to the OHV Trust Fund

Commission Action

1. Approve position letter
2. Amend position letter
3. Take no action

Attachments

1. Draft – OHMVR Commission Position Letter