

Science v. Regulation: The Nipomo Mesa's PM10 and Oceano Dunes

CHAPTER 14: Cricketts from the SLOAPCD and Costly Passivity from State Parks

The SLOAPCD, the SAG, and even executives at State Parks thus far refuse to acknowledge the significance of Dr. Russell's work. Meanwhile, State Parks continues its costly allegiance to the baseless mandates of the SOA without objection.

State Parks has in hand all that it needs to show the door to the SLOAPCD and the SAG. It has all that it needs to stanch the bleed of public money, reclaim recreational acreage taken by the various SOA projects, and recoup the **\$25.2 million** spent to appease the SLOAPCD and its false premise that Mesa PM10 is dust from Oceano Dunes.

Yet State Parks ignores the history of the SLOAPCD's duplicity (e.g., The Silica Scare) and continues to willingly pay for ongoing SOA-related expenses.

The evident, costly passivity of State Parks spotlights its inability to operate in a responsible fiscal manner. And the Oceano Dunes/SLOAPCD saga on the whole demonstrates the inability of State Parks to effectively manage and defend public recreational lands in California.

-Will Harris

Author's note: For further information and documentation, the reader is referred to my public Facebook posts regarding Oceano Dunes, beginning on January 23, 2023.



***Plastic Fencing Project Installed in Oceano Dunes at the Direction of the SAG.
The purpose of the fencing is to halt sand saltation in the dunes (photo: Will Harris).***