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Correspondence regarding Oceano Dunes SVRA Acting Superintendent

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Chair Diane Ross-Leech
OHMVR Commissioners
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Sent via email

Dear OHMVR Commissioners,

Acting assignments during transitions are lawful and are used to ensure continuity of operations, particularly in districts facing extraordinary complexity.

Over the past decade, Oceano Dunes District has navigated significant regulatory, legal, operational, and public scrutiny challenges. During that time, our priority was stability, compliance, public safety, and responsible program management. Leadership decisions reflected those realities.

The executive team of California State Parks has consistently been committed to supporting and working closely with the Oceano Dunes District. As a former Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commissioner and now as Deputy Director over the past eight years, I have personally and professionally prioritized this State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) as a major responsibility. This district has never been an afterthought.

Acting Superintendent Jon O'Brien has been in his role for the last year, and he has demonstrated leadership, operational and environmental depth, and an understanding of the district's unique community and program dynamics. This acting appointment reflected capability and readiness, not expediency.

We remain committed to strong local engagement, transparent communication, and effective stewardship of Oceano Dunes SVRA.

Respectfully,

Sarah Miggins
Deputy Director
OHMVR Division