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STAFF REPORT: Oceano Dunes SVRA Air Quality Update

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SUBJECT: 2023 Annual Report and Work Plan

Summary

A final draft of the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (ODSVRA) Air Quality Program 2023 Annual Report and Work Plan (ARWP) was submitted to the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) on October 5, 2023.

In the October 5 version of the ARWP, no new acreage of PM10 (particulate matter with a diameter of 10 microns or less) mitigation projects were proposed. State Parks does plan to covert 37.5 acres of temporary mitigation projects (wind fencing and straw treatments) to native dune vegetation. In addition, Parks plans to continue ongoing monitoring efforts on the dunes; to conduct additional emissivity measures, to be coordinated with the SOAestablished Scientific Advisory Group (SAG); and to maintain the remaining temporary PM10 mitigation projects on the dunes.

On October 13, 2023, State Parks presented the 2023 ARWP to the APCD Hearing Board. The Hearing Board is a "quasi-judicial body whose purpose is to decide on matters of conflict between the [San Luis Obispo County] Air District and industry and to act at the time of an air pollution emergency resulting from an upset or breakdown." (https://www.slocleanair.org/who/board/hearing-board.php). The Hearing Board oversees final compliance with the Stipulated Order of Abatement (Case No. 17-01).

Both the SAG and the APCD were supportive of the October 5 draft of the 2023 ARWP, and the Hearing Board did not have any objections. A final conditional approval letter from the APCD was received on October 18, 2023.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None