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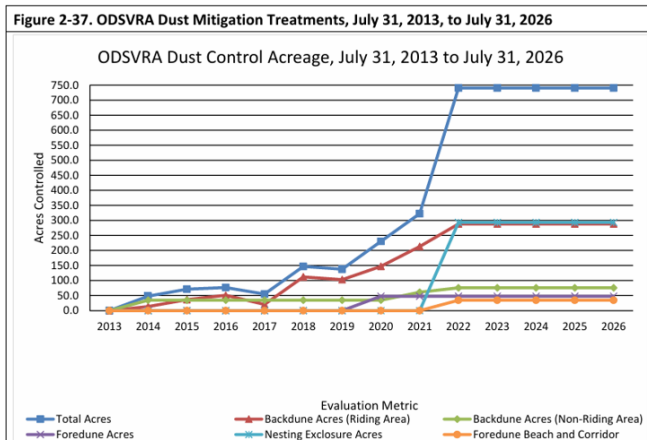
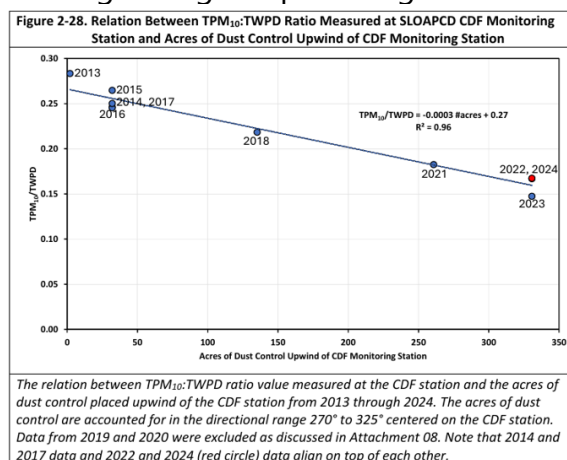
By Email:

Chair Diane Ross-Leech
OHMVR Commissioners
PO Box 942896 Sacramento, CA 94296-001

RE: PM10 reduction graphs ignore other contributing factors.

Friends of Oceano Dunes ("Friends"), a California not-for-profit corporation, representing members and users of the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area ("SVRA"), hereby submits these comments and request for State Parks to present information outlined below.

At the 8/6/26 OHV Commission meeting, the SAG presented a report that discussed the ongoing dust reductions at the Oceano Dunes and presented the following two graphs to highlight the perceived benefits that the closure of half the park and vegetating it is providing.

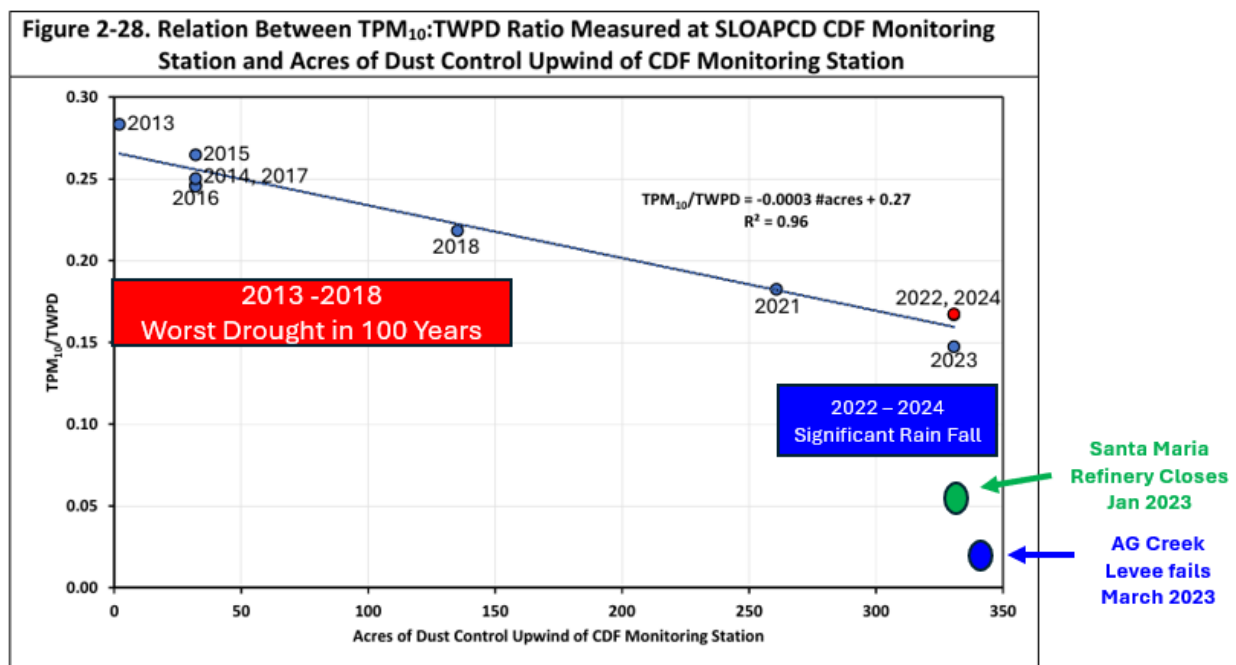


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I presented during my brief three-minute time our concerns that the graphs **DO NOT** consider recent droughts, flooding and closure of the Refinery and their impacts on reduced dust emissions.

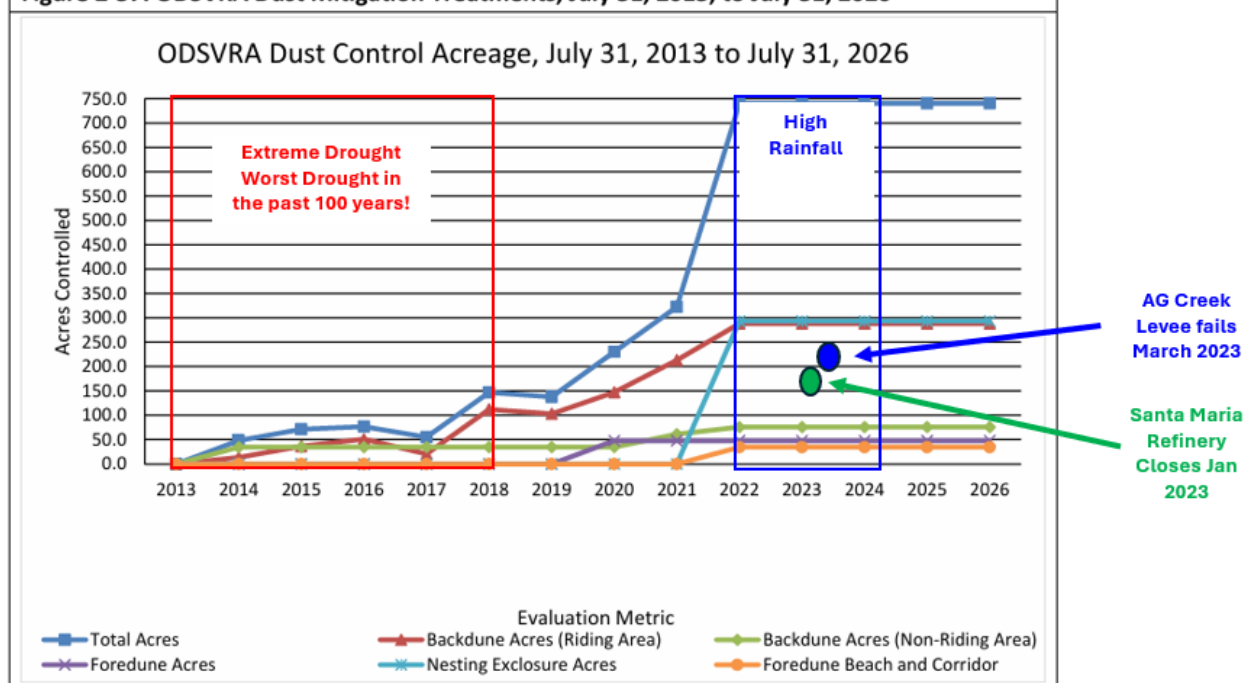
We have edited the following graphs to overlay the droughts, flooding and refinery closure timeline to show the correlation and ask that State Parks present to the OHV Commission what impacts the following would have on dust emissions:

- 2013 - 2018 Worst drought in 100 years
- 2022 - 2024 Significant rainfall
 - So much rainfall that the Arroyo Grande Creek levee failed in March 2023
- Closure of the Refinery in Jan 2023
 - No more workers driving in
 - No more delivery trucks
 - No more rail cars delivering crude
 - No more wastewater dumped in the outfall in front of the Oceano Dunes



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Figure 2-37. ODSVRA Dust Mitigation Treatments, July 31, 2013, to July 31, 2026



We offer our assistance and want to partner with State Parks and the OHV Commission. Friends seeks to protect [Access For All](#) while ensuring a [No Net Loss](#) management of the Oceano Dunes SVRA.

Sincerely,

Jim Suty
President – Friends of Oceano Dunes

CC: Legal Team
Friends' Board of Directors
OHV Division
OHV advocates
Public Users

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