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**WORKSHOP SET TO DISCUSS
SOUTH COUNTY PARTICULATE MATTER STUDY**

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 6 – 9 pm
South County Regional Center
800 West Branch Street, Arroyo Grande

The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has released its report on the South County Phase 2 Particulate Matter Study. The study was conducted to determine the cause of high levels of airborne particulate matter impacting air quality and public health on the Nipomo Mesa, and whether offroad vehicle activity on the Oceano Dunes is a contributing factor.

The APCD and its study partners will host a public workshop on March 3 to share the results of Study. The workshop will serve as a forum for county residents to gain a better understanding of the particulate pollution affecting the South County. During the workshop, presenters will describe the study design and sampling methods, review the data analyses performed and discuss the results and key findings of the Study. Questions from the public will be answered by a panel of experts instrumental in conducting the study.

Three independent investigations were conducted over a twelve-month period using sophisticated air monitoring and analytical sampling technologies to measure ambient particulate matter levels and associated meteorology, determine the elemental composition of airborne particle samples, and measure the physics of sand movement. Over 2 million data points were generated, requiring nearly a year to review, validate and analyze the data and compile the results. The study report and technical appendices will be available for review at the South County, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles public libraries, and can also be downloaded at the APCD website:

www.slocleanair.org. The comments from the scientific peer reviewers and raw data from the three independent studies will be posted to the APCD's website shortly. The study report will be presented to the APCD Board at their March 24 meeting.

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