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SOUTH COUNTY PARTICULATE MATTER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Ramona Garden Park Center
993 Ramona Avenue, Grover Beach

The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) will hold a public workshop on September 7 to share information on recent developments and discuss next steps and time lines related to airborne particulate matter impacting the Nipomo Mesa.

Three main topics will be discussed:

- 1) APCD presentation on the preliminary results and next steps for the Nipomo Mesa area schools and community monitoring program, and how our air quality forecasts are developed; and
- 2) State Parks and scientists from Desert Research Institute will present the results of recently completed Pilot Projects evaluating dust emission reduction strategies at the Oceano Dunes; and,
- 3) APCD staff will outline the key elements of a draft Fugitive Dust Rule addressing dust emission impacts from vehicle activity on coastal dunes.

This is a good opportunity for interested members of the public to hear presentations and ask questions on the agencies' recent efforts to address particulate matter impacts on the Mesa; instrumentation used in the community monitoring effort and during the pilot project studies will also be on display at the workshop. APCD staff will also make a presentation to their Board at its September 28 meeting on the approach and concepts of the draft Fugitive Dust Rule, which is scheduled for Board adoption later this year. Both the DRI Final Report on the Oceano Dunes Pilot Projects and APCD's draft Fugitive Dust Rule will be available on APCD's website (www.slocleanair.org) prior to the September 7 workshop.

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