

**2021/2022 CONTINUITY REPORT**  
**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**  
**AND THE OCEANO DUNES**  
**ARE WE DOOMED BY THE DUNES?...NOT SO MUCH!**

**INTRODUCTION**

The San Luis Obispo Grand Jury’s initial purpose for this report was to determine if response times to South County residents were affected by incidents at the Oceano Dunes (Dunes), the primary reasons for accidents at the Dunes, the human toll of such accidents, and the costs of supporting public safety at the Dunes. The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors submitted responses to the original FY 2019-2020 Grand Jury report on July 14, 2020, and forwarded the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on August 23, 2020.

**PURPOSE**

This is a summary of the responses from the County Board of Supervisors to the two recommendations submitted by the Grand Jury in its report titled “San Luis Obispo County Public Safety Services and the Oceano Dunes.” The Board of Supervisors was the only department required to respond, and all responses given are verbatim.

**NARRATIVE**

**Recommendation 1.** The County of San Luis Obispo should explore cost recovery for county services. The nature of off-road activities on the Oceano Dunes/SVRA require a unique level of county support.

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not indicated. The County does not differentiate when or how much per unit of service to charge or not charge for County service based upon the level of support required for a particular geographical area. All County departments assess their fees annually to determine whether new fees or changes to fee amounts

are warranted. The County Board of Supervisors reviews all fees, whether changed or unchanged, every five years.

**Recommendation 2.** The County of San Luis Obispo should actively promote public safety announcements encouraging safety at the Oceano Dunes: (a) Be educated to your surroundings and vehicle (b) Be attentive (c) Be mindful of your speed.

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. Given that the Oceano Dunes is a State park and under the jurisdiction of the State, the State is charged with implementing public safety protocols pertaining to the use of vehicles on the Dunes.

## REQUIRED RESPONSES

This is an informational report. No responses are required.

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