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August 6, 2026

Jon O'Brien, District Superintendent
 Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area

Dear Jon,

The OHMVR Commission wishes to thank you and your team for completing a substantial amount of operational, maintenance, resource protection, and facility improvement work that enhanced the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA) conditions and helped prepare the SVRA for reopening after the temporary closure. As a couple of public speakers suggested at our June 17, 2026, Bakersfield Commission meeting, they gave a shout-out to your team for turning lemons into lemonade during the closure and appreciated all the great maintenance work, especially the trash cleanup.

Your June 17 Staff Report to the Commission was succinct and thoroughly described all the major accomplishments that your team completed, including restroom maintenance, fencing improvements, removal of outdated fencing material, implementing public safety changes, and successfully managing the Shorebird Protection Program.

We recognize the challenges you and your team face operating the Oceano Dunes SVRA which has unique resource protection needs and requirements, as well as providing a high quality and safe recreational experience for so many Californians.

Many thanks to your team and appreciation for your leadership!

Signed by:

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