

January 14, 2019

APCD Board members,

I am writing you in regard to APCD Agenda Item F-4. I ask that you authorize the budget amendments and the purchase of the Airpointer portable air quality monitor.

As you may know, over the last several years the western end of Goleta in the vicinity of the Venoco Ellwood Onshore Facility has had problems with hydrogen sulfide odors. We also have had problems with releases from well drilling in the area. The area no longer has an offsite hydrogen sulfide monitor and it is needed for the detection of any releases that are not from the Venoco EOF site. The last time we had a problem, APCD didn't have an air monitor available and it took several days to find the location of the odor. This is a serious health and safety issue for the residents of western Goleta.

A portable air quality monitor is necessary for western Goleta. It is very important to the residents of western Goleta that we have adequate monitoring of the air quality from Venoco, offshore oil, and agricultural wells. Please authorize the purchase of the Airpointer portable air quality monitor.

Thank you,

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RE: 1/17/19 Agenda Item F-4:

Dear APCD Board members,

The Goodland Coalition requests that you approve APCD Agenda Item F-4 to authorize the budget amendments and the purchase of the Airpointer portable air quality monitor. There is a critical lack of hydrogen sulfide monitoring in western Goleta. This is due to the failure to require the Venoco EOF to maintain an offsite hydrogen sulfide air monitor.

The residents of western Goleta have had a number of incidents of hydrogen sulfide releases. There is a need for the detection of any releases that are not from the Venoco EOF site. There was a serious and prolonged hydrogen sulfide release during the drilling of agricultural water well. It took several days to locate the source because APCD didn't have a portable air monitor available. This lack of adequate equipment and monitoring is a health and safety issue for the residents of western Goleta.

It is important to have the ability to adequately monitor odor problems from the decommissioning of Platform Holly, Venoco's piers and the EOF, and agricultural water well hydrogen sulfide releases.

The residents of western Goleta are very concerned about air quality and hazardous releases in the area. There is a serious need for a portable air quality monitor.

The Goodland Coalition asks that you authorize the purchase of the Airpointer portable air quality monitor.

Thank you,

Barbara Massey for The Goodland Coalition