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Mrs. Duncan P. Jackson
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Dear Kathy:

Thank you for your letter of June 23 regarding the proposed shiploading facility and other industrial developments in the Santa Maria Dunes area. The Department of Parks and Recreation shares your concern over the affects of possible industrial intrusion into the Dunes. However, as I pointed out to Fred Eissler in my letter of June 16, there are many difficulties to be faced in the southern San Luis Obispo County region. We would, of course, hope that the Santa Maria Dunes area could be established as a unit of the State Park System with minimum alteration to its unique character. At the same time, there are the desires and aspirations of the local political and economic groups to upgrade the economy, which may necessitate some intrusion upon at least a portion of the Dunes.

As you of course know, we have been working closely with San Luis Obispo County officials and will continue to do so in the same spirit of cooperation extended to us in the past. At the present time, our planners are working on a feasibility study in response to Senate Resolution 33 and have been in close touch with officials of Collier Carbon, PG & E and the State Lands Commission. Until we have all the necessary facts at our disposal, it is very difficult for us to establish a firm position in the matter.

I am sure you realize that we do not as yet have all the answers to this very complex and vexing problem. The fact that the State owns only a relatively small portion of the lands within the general area of the Dunes is an additional problem. We are also obligated to weigh the relative merits of the Santa Maria Dunes project against all the other Bond Act studies put before us by the Legislature.

Please be assured that the views of the Sierra Club will be fully taken into account throughout the conduct of our study.

Sincerely,

FRED L. JONES
Director

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