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**STAFF REPORT:** Planning Program Update  
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**SUBJECT:** Status of Planning Efforts for State Vehicular Recreation Areas

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**Summary**

Several planning efforts are underway within State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs). Ocotillo Wells SVRA and Hungry Valley SVRA are in the process of updating their park general plans. The Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan, which has off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation components, is revising their general plan. Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach are developing a public works plan (PWP), and three SVRAs are developing Road and Trail Management Plans. This report describes each plan's purpose, process, and current milestone.

**Discussion**

Following is a brief summary of recent SVRA general plan developments.

***Ocotillo Wells SVRA:***

The Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan team, in collaboration with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) El Centro Field Office staff, is preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the project. This document addresses potential environmental impacts of the Ocotillo Wells SVRA Plan, proposed alternatives, and potential mitigation measures.

To ensure compliance with both state and federal land management policies, the long-term land management plan for Ocotillo Wells SVRA will be comprised of:

- a California State Park unit General Plan,
- a BLM Recreation Area Management Plan, and
- a California Desert Conservation Area Land Use Plan Amendment.

### ***Hungry Valley SVRA:***

The Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan has a project website at [www.PlanHungryValley.com](http://www.PlanHungryValley.com) to facilitate public involvement in the planning process. Interested parties should visit the project website and register to receive email notifications regarding project progress.

The first public meetings were held in Ventura and Newhall on February 15 and 16, 2017 and in Frazier Park and Bakersfield on February 22 and 23, 2017. The next opportunity to provide input will be for the discussion of draft guiding statements and draft planning concepts. This information will help guide the planning process and provide the baseline for developing alternatives for site use.

### ***Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan:***

The Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan Update restarted in January 2018. The General Plan team held environmental scoping meetings on October 23 and 24, 2018 in Ridgecrest and Lancaster. Both meetings were well attended and the team received several hundred comments as a result. The General Plan has a new project website, [www.redrockgp.com](http://www.redrockgp.com), and a project email, [info@redrockgp.com](mailto:info@redrockgp.com). Interested parties should visit the project website. The team is meeting with stakeholders, agencies, and conducting tribal consultation.

The next public meetings for the Red Rock General Plan Update will be held in March 2019 to present Draft Project Concepts. These concepts explore a broad spectrum of visitor experiences, natural and cultural resource management approaches, and park operations options. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at the University of Antelope Valley Grand Ballroom from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm. The address is 44055 N. Sierra Highway, Lancaster CA 93534. The second meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at the Historical Society of the Upper Mojave Desert from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The address is 230 W Ridgecrest Blvd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

### **Road and Trail Management Plans**

Following is a brief summary of recent SVRA Road and Trail Management Plans.

***Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA*** began work on a Road and Trail Management Plan in May 2018. The planning team is working on gathering existing trail conditions. There will be several opportunities for public input in the near future.

***Prairie City SVRA and Carnegie SVRAs*** are conducting trail inventories for their Road and Trail Management Plans. Prairie City SVRA held two stakeholder meetings and conducted an online survey. Carnegie SVRA will hold stakeholder meetings once their trail inventory project is complete.

### ***Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes SVRA Public Works Plan***

California State Parks is developing a Public Works Plan (PWP) for Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach. A PWP is a long-range land use and development plan. It analyzes existing conditions for park operations, recreation opportunities, coastal

access, and environmental compliance; makes recommendations for improvement; and, includes future development projects and programs. The California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission) reviews and certifies PWPs in the same manner as Local Coastal Plans as defined in Chapter 6 of the Coastal Act (starting with Public Resources Code Section 3050).

The PWP has several opportunities for public input and review throughout plan development, document review, and the environmental document review. The Coastal Commission will hold a public hearing for the draft and final plan. A contractor is preparing the PWP. There is a project website where the public can view documents, provide comments, learn about public input opportunities, and sign up for updates. The project website and email address are – [www.oceanodunespwp.com](http://www.oceanodunespwp.com), and [info@oceanodunespwp.com](mailto:info@oceanodunespwp.com).

The Department held two scoping meetings in May 2018 – in Fresno and in Arroyo Grande – that were well attended. Emerging themes from the scoping meeting include the need for a southern access point into the SVRA; air quality concerns from local residents; support for and against OHV recreation at the SVRA; provide a no net loss of OHV recreation land; and, the importance of the park units and recreation to families.

The next public meetings will be held in mid-February to discuss overarching project goals and present draft concepts. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit topic stations and view materials that describe the draft concepts, speak with the planning team, and provide input. The meetings will be identical in content and format, and materials from the meetings will be available via the project website at [www.oceanodunespwp.com](http://www.oceanodunespwp.com).

#### Meeting #1

Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 @ 5:30-7:30 pm  
Location: SeaCrest Oceanfront Hotel  
Pacific Banquet Room  
2241 Price St.  
Pismo Beach, CA 93449

#### Meeting #2

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 5:30-7:30 pm  
Location: Hampton Inn & Suites  
Yosemite Room  
1100 N. Cherry St.  
Tulare, CA 93274

### **Commission Action**

For information only.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: SVRA Plans Update – January 2019

**CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS**  
**OHMVR Division General Plans Update**

<b>Park Unit</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Plan Status &amp; Updates in Progress</b>
Prairie City SVRA	2016 1991		Approved by the OHMVR Commission September 2016
Carnegie SVRA	2016 1981		Approved by the OHMVR Commission October 2016
Clay Pit SVRA	2012		Approved by the OHMVR Commission June 2012.
Heber Dunes SVRA	2011		Approved by the OHMVR Commission December 2011.
Hollister Hills SVRA	1978	2003	
Oceano Dunes SVRA (General Plan)	1975	1991	
Oceano Dunes SVRA (Public Works Plan)			Public Works Plan. Project Concepts Meetings occurred in February 2019. Next step is to develop draft plan and Preferred Project Concepts.
Hungry Valley SVRA	1981		General Plan (GP) update in progress. Next milestone will be project guiding statements and draft plan concepts
Ocotillo Wells SVRA	1981		GP EIR/EIS review in process.

**State Vehicular Recreation Area Road and Trail Management Plans  
February 2019**

<b>Park Unit</b>	<b>Plan Status &amp; Updates in Progress</b>
Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA	Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP) project began May 2018. Next milestone is conducting a trail inventory.
Carnegie SVRA	RTMP began in July 2018. Trail inventory in process.
Prairie City SVRA	RTMP began in April 2017. Trail inventory in process. First stakeholder meetings, consultation, and visitor survey completed.

**Regional Planning Efforts  
February 2019**

<b>Park Unit</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Plan Status &amp; Updates in Progress</b>
Red Rock Canyon State Park	January 1982	General Plan Update. Project restarted in January 2018. Environmental Scoping Meetings occurred in October 2018. Project Concept Meetings will be held on March 25 and 26, 2019.