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STAFF REPORT: Planning Program Update

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SUBJECT: Status of Planning Efforts for State Vehicular Recreation Areas

Summary

Several planning efforts are underway within State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs). Hungry Valley SVRA is in the process of updating its park general plan. The Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan, which has off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation components, is revising its general plan. Three SVRAs are developing Road and Trail Management Plans. This report describes each plan's purpose, process, and current milestone.

Discussion

Following is a summary of recent SVRA/OHV general plan developments.

Hungry Valley SVRA:

The Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan has a project website at 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 plan concepts in spring 2020. 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 General Plan has a project website, www.redrockgp.com, and a project email, info@redrockgp.com. Interested parties should visit the project website.

State Parks held three public meetings in Ridgecrest on October 23, Lancaster on October 24, and Bakersfield on October 25 to provide updates on the revision of the General Plan for Red Rock Canyon State Park. At these open-house style meetings, the planning team presented the Revised Plan Concept for the update to the General Plan. Attendees visited display stations, reviewed materials that describe the Revised Plan Concept, asked questions, and provided input. The open houses were identical in content and format, and materials from the meetings are now available on the project website. The public comment period ended on December 12, 2019.

A summary of public comments from the comment period for the Revised Plan Concept will be compiled and uploaded on the website. The next phase of this project is to develop the draft general plan and draft environmental impact report. These documents will be available for public review and comment in summer 2020. In addition, a summary of public comments received during the preliminary plan concepts public comment period of March 26 to August 1, 2019 has been uploaded to the website at www.redrockgp.com/resources.

Road and Trail Management Plans

Following is a 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.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS SVRA PLANNING UPDATE

Park Unit	Adopted	Amended	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
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. Public meetings held on 12-10 and 12-11 for the PWP Proposed Options and Project Concepts. Next step is to develop the draft plan and draft environmental impact report (EIR) for public review in summer 2020. Public comment period runs from 12-12-19 to 1-24-20
Hungry Valley SVRA	1981		General Plan (GP) update in progress. Next milestone will to develop draft plan concepts in spring 2020.
Ocotillo Wells SVRA	1981		GP EIR/EIS review in process.

State Vehicular Recreation Area Road and Trail Management Plans

Park Unit	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
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

Park Unit	Adopted	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
Red Rock Canyon State Park	January 1982	General Plan Update. Project restarted in January 2018. Environmental Scoping Meetings occurred in October 2018. Plan Concept Meetings held on March 25 and 26, 2019. Revised Plan Concepts meetings were held in October 23, 24, and 25, 2019.