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OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Virtual Meeting

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STAFF REPORT: 2022 OHMVR Program Report

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SUBJECT: OHMVR Program Proposed Project Content

Summary

Public Resources Code 5090.24(h) requires the OHMVR Commission to prepare a report on the OHMVR Program to the Legislature and Governor. The Program Report began in 2011, with subsequent reports prepared in 2014 and 2017. 2018 Legislation changed the report schedule and content requirements. The next report is due on January 1, 2022, and every three years after that.

This OHMVR Commission Program Report is an overarching document that touches on all aspects of California's 50-year-old Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation program. The report tracks program funding, accomplishments, and resource protection and restoration programs. It also reports all aspects of the OHV Grants Program, from expenditures, grantees, and progress towards meeting the OHMVR Program mission and strategic plan. This report showcases the OHMVR Program, its importance to the public, and its mission to provide balanced OHV recreation with resource protection.

Discussion

The Commission created a standing committee for the Program Report at the July 29, 2021 meeting and has received the draft report for review and consideration. In addition, the Commission and the public discussed adding content below to the report at the July meeting.

 Importance of OHV recreation for physical and mental health, family bonding, connecting people with the outdoors

- Environmental justice how the OHMVR Program is narrowing financial and cultural class divisions by connecting disadvantaged youth through the NYPUM program
- Topics relating to Carnegie SVRA and Oceano SVRA
- Creating urban OHV parks for zero-emission vehicles
- Residential communities encroaching on SVRA and OHV areas

These topics would be additional content along with the required content below.

2022 Report Requirements

Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5090.24 sets the content and report schedule for the Commission Program Report:

- (h) Prepare and submit a program report to the Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of each house of the Legislature on or before January 1, 2022, and every three years after that. The report required to be submitted under this subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code. The report shall be adopted by the Commission after discussing the contents during two or more public meetings. One of the public meetings shall be held in northern California, and one shall be held in southern California. The report shall address the status of the program and off-highway motor vehicle recreation, including all of the following:
 - (1) A summary of the process, standards, and plans developed under this chapter.
 - (2) The condition of natural and cultural resources of areas and trails receiving state off-highway motor vehicle funds and resolving conflicts of use in those areas and trails.
 - (3) The status and accomplishments of funds appropriated for restoration under paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 5090.50.
 - (4) A summary of resource monitoring data compiled, and restoration work completed.
 - (5) Actions taken by the division and department since the last program report discourage and decrease trespass of off-highway motor vehicles on private property.
 - (6) Other relevant program-related environmental issues that have arisen at state vehicular recreation areas since the last program report including, but are not limited to, actions that are undertaken to ensure compliance with federal and state Endangered Species Acts, local air quality laws, and regulations, federal Clean Water Act, and regional water board regulations, or permits.

Commission Action (N/A) Discuss report content

Attachments