

OHMVR Standing Committee; Outreach, Equity and Inclusion

The OHMVR Act established the Commission to provide a public body of appointed members having expertise in various areas related to off-highway recreation and environmental protection. The Commission is dedicated to reviewing and commenting on Program implementation, encouraging public input on issues and concerns affecting the OHMVR Program, considering and approving general plans for SVRAs, and providing advice to the OHMVR Division.

A Standing Committee of the OHMVR Commission is comprised of more than two but no more than four Commissioners whose purpose is to act with authority on behalf of the entire Commission to address and propose actions about a specific topic of interest related to the duties and responsibilities of the OHMVR Commission, make actionable recommendations and report out to the OHMVR Commission at their regularly scheduled meetings. A Standing Committee also must follow the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act by posting an agenda and meeting materials on the internet at least 10 business days prior to the meeting and allowing for public participation in the meeting.

Members of the Outreach, Equity and Inclusion Committee: Commissioner Ureña, Commissioner Whettam, Commission Randle and Commissioner Salazar

OHV Division Staff Lead: Deputy Director Sarah Miggins

On November 12, 2020, the Ad Hoc Committee for Outreach and Inclusion had a kick-off meeting to discuss the how to connect with other OHV users “Faces of OHV,” review the diversity of OHV users using California SVRA’s, identify safety and education mechanisms, connect schools and communities to learn about our OHV environment, educate our community on how to protect our environment and utilize our available resources to learn about California riding trails.

Outreach, Equity and Inclusion Committee: Work with OHMVR Division staff, as well as other OHV users and agencies, to identify and help develop safety and education on OHV use, review and provide information to OHVMR commission on SVRA users through our California trails

- Research statistics on ridership, i.e., families, disabled riders, women riders, work with underserved communities and riding programs for youth.

- Expand the diversity of OHV user or “Faces of OHV” campaign.
- Expand visibility of a diverse ridership as a family sport.
- Work on breaking the stereotypes that the sport is only open to a specific group.
- Expand access to our parklands for underserved communities.
- Expand diversity and inclusion in OHV advertising, events and professional sports.
- Work with the OHMVR division to establish a social media system to create safety/education courses for families, children and youth on OHV safety and education classes/curriculums.
- Meet quarterly to review information from network of constituents regarding updates on schools, diverse ridership and safety/education programs.
- Meet prior to each regularly scheduled OHMVR Commission meeting to introduce new information as needed and identify items to be placed on the agenda for OHMVR Commission meetings.
- Identify Action Items to be placed on the agenda for OHMVR Commission meetings to ensure timely responses with public input for important issues and concerns.
- Develop a work plan with OHMVR Division staff to ensure that program goals can be met.
- Develop a communication plan with OHMVR Division and OHV users to actively share the successes and value of the OHMVR Program with important stakeholders.