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## **Executive Summary**

Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) formally implemented the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) in February of 2012. The SWMP requires that an annual report be submitted to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year; however, due to staffing changes, a one-month extension was granted for this reporting cycle. The purpose of the annual report is to provide the status of measurable goals and summarize monitoring information collected during the reporting period. In July 2013 Carnegie SVRA submitted a Notice of Intent for and received coverage under the Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit (Order No. 2013-0001-DWQ) as a Non-Traditional Permittee.

## **Introduction**

The purpose of this annual report is to summarize the progress of the implementation of the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) for Carnegie (SVRA). The SWMP outlines goals and benchmarks in annual increments. The SWMP was implemented in February of 2012 and we are now in the middle of the Year 3. This report summarizes year one, year two, and a partial year three benchmarks, providing the opportunity to review the data and confirm the best management practices (BMPs) chosen and/or make adjustments if deemed necessary. In July 2013 Carnegie SVRA submitted a Notice of Intent for and received coverage under the Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit (Order No. 2013-0001-DWQ) as a Non-Traditional Permittee.

### Site Background

The SVRA is operated by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVRD) of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The park is located along Corral Hollow Road, between the cities of Livermore and Tracy, California (Map 1). This unit of the California State Park System provides approximately 1,200 acres of off-highway vehicle riding opportunities to the general public. The park was purchased by the State in 1979 to continue providing existing off highway vehicle (OHV) recreation previously provided by a private motorcycle park. With a diversity of terrain ranging from rolling hills to steep canyons, Carnegie has become a popular destination for off-road enthusiasts of all skill levels.

The OHMVRD has initiated a storm water management program at Carnegie SVRA in an effort to protect the park's natural resources, improve water quality and meet the requirements of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Clean Water Act (CWA). In order to achieve these water quality objectives, a number of projects and programs have been planned and/or are being implemented.

In the spring of 2004 the OHMVRD contracted with Salix Applied Earthcare and Geosyntec consultants to conduct an assessment of the Corral Hollow watershed. The purpose of the Corral Hollow Watershed Assessment (CHWA), which was finalized in 2007, was to provide the OHMVRD, Carnegie staff, and community stakeholders with an understanding of the historical occurrences that have shaped the watershed, as well as define the current state of the watershed in order to develop future management practices that can be implemented to improve water quality and the health of the watershed.

The findings from the watershed assessment were used to develop a number of recommendations designed to reduce erosion and sediment issues through innovative BMPs and an active adaptive

management framework focused on meeting water quality objectives. This framework includes continual assessment of erosion and sediment generators, implementation of appropriate BMPs, ongoing monitoring and evaluation of these actions and plans for long-term maintenance to ensure the success of these actions.

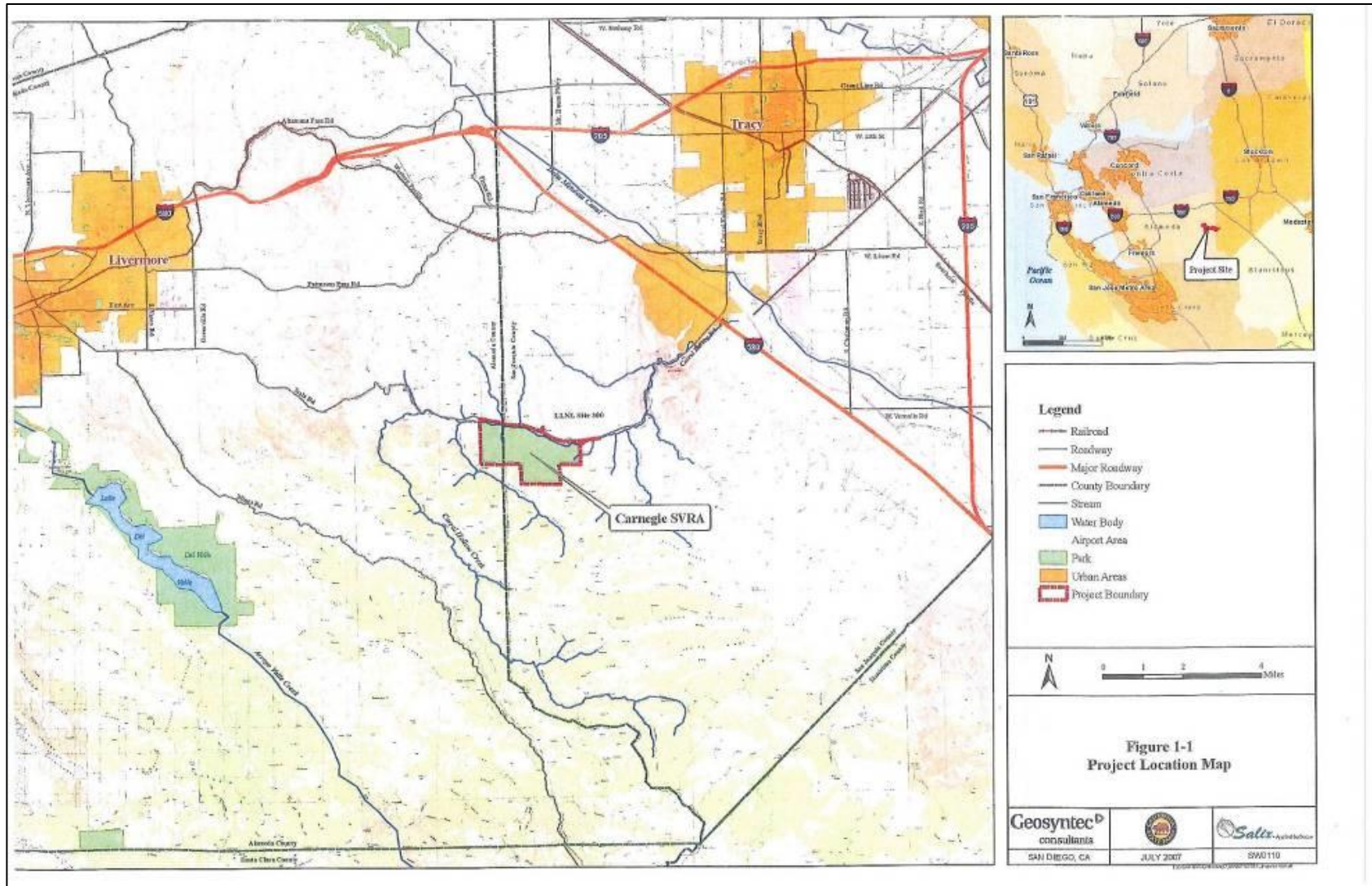
Other components of the OHMVRD storm water management program include the ongoing development and implementation of the Trails Management Plan, the implementation, monitoring and maintenance of projects associated with the OHMVRD Soil Conservation Standard and Guidelines, implementation of annual species surveys and habitat rehabilitation activities related to the Habitat Monitoring System program and use of the OHV-specific BMP manual for selecting, implementing and maintaining appropriate BMPs. These components are discussed in greater detail in the OHV Trails and Facilities Management section.

In February of 2012, the SWMP was implemented. The purpose of this SWMP is to reduce or eliminate pollutant discharges from Carnegie SVRA through the use of site-specific structural and non-structural BMPs in order to protect and improve water quality while allowing for high quality OHV recreational opportunities. Elements of the SWMP include public education and outreach, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site storm water management, post-construction storm water management and pollution prevention/good housekeeping. This SWMP also includes an OHV element dedicated to discussing management goals and activities for maintaining OHV trails and facilities as they relate to meeting our water quality objectives.

This SWMP is designed to meet the requirements set forth in the California State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Water Quality Order No. 2003-0005-DWQ, General Permit No. CAS000004, NPDES Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Water Systems, (General Permit) adopted on April 30, 2003. As described in more detail in Section 3 of this SWMP, Phase II of the Municipal Storm Water Permitting Program regulates storm water discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and construction sites disturbing between 1 and 5 acres of land. An MS4 is defined by the USEPA as a "conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains): (i) owned or operated by a state, city, town, borough, or county." The MS4 permits require the discharger to develop and implement a SWMP with the goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable (MEP).

Carnegie SVRA is committed to responsible land management, recreation, and meeting our water quality objectives. This SWMP provides an outline for and implementation of Phase II compliance using our OHV adaptive management framework (Figure 3). OHMVRD and SVRA staff, including the district services manager, environmental scientist, archaeologist, maintenance supervisor, park maintenance worker 1, park interpreter and civil engineering geologist are responsible for implementing this SWMP and submitting the annual report.





Map 1. Regional Map of Carnegie SVRA.

## Development and Implementation of the SWMP

The purpose of the SWMP is to reduce or eliminate pollutant discharges from Carnegie SVRA to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP). The SWMP achieves this by providing a description of the BMPs that are currently being used or that have been proposed for storm water management at the park. The General Permit requires a description of BMPs for each of the following six program areas (also referred to as Minimum Control Measures). This SWMP also contains a seventh program area related specifically to OHV management:

- Public Education
- Public Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
- Post Construction Storm Water Management
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping
- OHV Trails and Facilities Management

In order to monitor the effectiveness of the BMPs, the SWMP includes a series of measurable goals established for each Minimum Control Measure. Measurable goals are intended to gauge the effectiveness of the SWMP. They are specifically selected for each BMP and take into account the site conditions, climate, and land use activities. Examples of measurable goals include the construction of a sediment basin, the implementation of a public awareness program, or the continued use of a properly installed and maintained wheel wash facility. Measurable goals could also include quantifiable assessments of the number of educational brochures distributed, the averaging score on a training quiz, or the number of illicit discharges recorded during the permitting cycle.

The SWMP also includes an implementation schedule for each BMP. The implementation schedule generally follows the five-year permitting cycle. For example, the SWMP might indicate that a sediment basin will be installed by the end of year 1 and that routine maintenance of the basin will occur in years 2, 3, 4, and 5. The implementation schedule (i.e. year 1) will start the year following the adoption of the SWMP.

### Pollutants of Concern

Pollutants of concern consist of any pollutants that could potentially be stored or generated onsite and that could have an adverse impact on the quality of the receiving waters. The pollutants of concern for Carnegie SVRA were selected based on applicable water quality regulations and potential activities that could act as sources of pollutants. The purpose of the SWMP is to prescribe BMPs that will reduce or remove the pollutants of concern to the maximum extent practicable.

### Selection Criteria

Pollutants of concern include any pollutants that could potentially be generated by past, present, and future land use activities. This includes historic activities such as mining that may have created a perpetual source of pollutants (i.e. tailing piles), present activities such as OHV use, and planned future activities that could create a new source of pollutants.

The Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Central Valley Region sets forth water quality standards for the surface and ground waters of the region, which include both designated beneficial uses of the water and the narrative and numeric objectives that must be maintained or attained to protect those uses. The Basin Plan does not specify beneficial uses or specific water quality objectives for Corral Hollow Creek. According to the tributary rule, the beneficial uses assigned to any downstream water body would also apply to the creek. The Basin Plan does specify general water quality objectives for all water bodies within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basin. These objectives include numeric and narrative standards designed to preserve the quality of the receiving waters.

When selecting the pollutants of concern, the past, present, and planned future activities at Carnegie SVRA were evaluated to identify potential pollutant sources. Once the sources had been identified, the typical pollutants associated with each source were then compared to regulatory criteria to select the pollutants of concern for Corral Hollow Creek and its tributaries.

### Selected Pollutants of Concern

Based on the potential pollutant sources at Carnegie SVRA and water quality objectives presented in the Basin Plan, the following constituents were selected as pollutants of concern:

- Sediment
- Heavy Metals
- Nutrients
- Pathogens
- Petroleum Hydrocarbons
- Trash and Debris

The following sections provide a description of the potential sources and hazards of each pollutant of concern.

Sediments include total suspended solids (TSS), total dissolved solids (TDS), and bed load material. Erosion, transport, and deposition of sediment in surface waters has proven to be a significant form of pollution resulting in water quality problems, which have impaired riparian habitat by inundating riparian vegetation, and reducing beneficial habitat structure in stream channels. Sources of sediment include deposition of materials from Mitchells Ravine and the adjacent County Road, earth disturbance by OHV activities, low volume (access) roads, wind and water erosion, and construction and maintenance activities. Sediments are associated with the following pollutant categories provided in the Basin Plan: Sediment, Suspended Sediment, Settleable Sediment and Turbidity.

Recent water quality sampling conducted by Geosyntec (OHMVRD, 2007) revealed the heavy metal concentrations were generally low and only exceed the California Toxics Rule (CTR) criteria for copper in one sample. However, metals such as copper, zinc, and chromium have been selected as pollutants of concern since they are prevalent in OHV components and can be deposited in the watershed through typical vehicle wear and leaks. Additional sources of metals include fuels, adhesives, paints and other coatings, buildings, infrastructure, and the remnants of tailing piles associated with historic mining activities. Metals are of concern because of their acute and chronic toxic effects on aquatic life and the potential to bioaccumulate in aquatic organisms. Heavy metals are associated with the following pollutant categories provided in the Basin Plan: Taste, Odor and Toxicity.

Nutrients are inorganic forms of nitrogen and phosphorus. The potential sources of nutrients at Carnegie SVRA include decomposition of organic matter, fertilizers from landscaped areas, and atmospheric deposition. Excess nutrients can contribute to surface algal scum and water discoloration. Nutrients are inclusive of the following pollutant categories provided in the Basin Plan: Biostimulatory Substances.

Elevated levels of pathogens are typically caused by the transport of domestic animals, wildlife, or human fecal wastes from the watershed. Even runoff from natural areas can contain pathogens (e.g., from wildlife). At Carnegie SVRA, potential sources of pathogens include domestic pet waste, wildlife waste, cattle and livestock waste, human waste, and leaking septic tanks. If transported to the receiving waters, pathogens can pose a direct health risk to humans. Pathogens are associated with the following pollutant categories provided in the Basin Plan: bacteria.

Pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides and fungicides) are chemical compounds commonly used to control insects, rodents, plant diseases, and weeds. Excessive application of a pesticide may result in runoff containing toxic levels of its active component. Common types of pesticides include organochlorine pesticides or organophosphorus. However, the use of organophosphorus pesticides, including diazinon and chlorpyrifos, has been restricted by USEPA and are not used by Carnegie SVRA. Herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides are associated with the following pollutant categories provided in the Basin Plan: pesticides.

The potential sources of oil, grease, and other petroleum hydrocarbons at Carnegie SVRA include spills and leaks of fuels and lubricants, atmospheric deposition, wearing of tires, and deposition from vehicle exhaust. Petroleum hydrocarbons, such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), can accumulate in aquatic organisms from contaminated water, sediments, and food and are toxic to aquatic life at low concentrations. Hydrocarbons can persist in sediments for long periods of time

and result in adverse impacts on the diversity and abundance of benthic communities. Hydrocarbons can be measured as total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), oil and grease, or as individual groups of hydrocarbons, such as PAHs. Petroleum Hydrocarbons are associated with the following pollutant categories provided in the Basin Plan: Oil, Grease and Floating Materials.

Trash (such as paper, plastic, polystyrene packing foam, and aluminum materials) and biodegradable organic matter (such as leaves, grass cuttings, and food waste) are general waste products deposited by anthropogenic and natural processes. The primary source of trash and debris at Carnegie SVRA is deposition by park visitors. The presence of trash and debris may have a significant impact on the recreational value of a water body and aquatic habitat. Excess organic matter can create a high biochemical oxygen demand in a stream and thereby lower the water quality. Also, in areas where stagnant water exists, the presence of excess organic matter can promote septic conditions resulting in the growth of undesirable organisms and the release of odorous and hazardous compounds such as hydrogen sulfide. Trash and Debris are associated with the following categories provided in the Basin Plan: Dissolved Oxygen, Floating Materials, Taste and Odor.

## Public Education and Outreach

Public education and outreach are needed for effective implementation of the SWMP to ensure water quality objectives are met. More specifically, education is one of the main tools used to ensure recreationalists stay on trail. With education and outreach, the public will support projects, BMPs and actions undertaken by management to protect water quality. The public education and outreach program will provide information and resources to our park visitors and stakeholders that will improve each person's understanding of the SWMP and effectively inform people about the importance of protecting and improving water quality by recreating responsibly. Public education and outreach promote better compliance with other minimum control measures by teaching individuals about the responsibilities expected of them and others in the community, including individual actions they can take to protect or improve their environment.

To meet the minimum requirements for public education and outreach, the USEPA encourages operators to use educational materials, such as brochures, fact sheets, guides, signage, educational programs, and seminars to address the viewpoints and concerns of all members of the public. The USEPA has developed an extensive database of public education and outreach materials that can be used at Carnegie SVRA. Whenever appropriate, the OHMVRD will work with other governmental agencies, as well as utilize these materials as they are peer-reviewed documents that target specific storm water management issues. The materials can be found on the USEPA's website:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermonth.cfm>

### Educational Brochure

Carnegie staff created an educational brochure to help visitors understand how they can protect their riding opportunity and improve water quality by reducing sediments, vehicle parts, germs, vehicle fluids, and trash in storm water runoff. During this reporting period, the distribution of this brochure continued at in-park special events, at the Information Station on the weekends, through the park kiosk, and at some outside special events. New staff and contractors continue to receive the brochure (see Attachment A). It is also available on-line at [http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=26339](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26339). The certification sheet can also be found in Attachment A.

### Interpretive Panels

An interpretive panel about protecting water quality was created and placed throughout the park. Visitors can further learn about their role in preventing water pollution through reading this panel (see Attachment B). In addition, several habitat and wildlife panels, as well as rehabilitation project information panels and water conservation panels, were printed and displayed in the Fall of 2013, and their current locations are mapped in Attachment C.

### Educational Booth and Information Station

Carnegie hosts approximately four special events per year. At each of these events an educational booth is set up. Each weekend during the riding season (October through March) an information station is set up in the park. Both of these outreach booths allow us to educate and inform our park users about protecting wildlife and habitat, cultural resources, and water quality. The educational booth at special events typically reaches three hundred visitors per weekend. The information station reaches around thirty visitors per day.

Additionally, the park's superintendent developed a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation and held campfire style programs to help inform and educate the public on the SWMP. Each presentation was no less than an hour followed up by a question and answer session. The interest regarding the SWMP, especially in regards to staying on trail, was evident by the attendance and participation of the visitors.



**Figure 1. The Information Station.** The information station is open during peak visitation periods and is near the concession store.

**Table 1: Measurable Goals for Public Education and Outreach BMPs**

<b>BMP</b>	<b>Year of Implementation</b>	<b>Measurable Goals</b>
<b>Educational Brochures</b>	1	Generate an educational brochure Generate a certification sheet for the brochure Post the brochure on the Carnegie SVRA website
	2	Existing staff will read the brochure and will sign the certification sheet Contractors and subcontractors currently conducting work in the park will read the brochure and will sign the certification sheet Carnegie staff will begin distributing the brochure to park visitors
	3	Continue to distribute the brochure to park visitors
	4	Continue to distribute the brochure to new staff and contractors
	5	Update the brochure as necessary
<b>Interpretive Panels And Informational Signage</b>	1	Complete a draft of the interpretive panels for wildlife and habitat Complete a draft of the informational signs Identify the posting locations for each interpretive panel and sign Obtain funding and materials for panels and signs
	2	Post the interpretive panels in their designated locations near the associated habitat type Post the informational signs in their designated locations Develop and post interpretive panels for rehabilitation and rehabilitation projects as they arise
	3	Inspect, update, and maintain each panel and sign Develop and post interpretive panels for rehabilitation and rehabilitation projects as they arise
	4	
	5	
<b>Educational Booth And Information Station</b>	1	Continue to provide the Educational Booth and Information Station
	2	Assemble the booth at the hill climbing events and cross country event Continue to provide the Information Station
	3	Assemble the booth at the hill climbing events and cross country event
	4	Assemble the booth at all events that are expected to attract at least 2,000 spectators
	5	Continue to provide the Information Station Inspect, maintain and update the material in the booths
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	1	Continue enforcement of regulations and laws pertaining to resource protection and water quality Effective communications with park visitors, both verbal and written Annual evaluation of law enforcement program effectiveness
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	



## **Public Involvement and Participation**

The success of the SWMP is largely dependent on the involvement and support of the community. Stakeholders who participate in the development and decision making processes of the SWMP become partially responsible for deciding what actions should be taken and ensuring success of the program. Stakeholders who are involved with the development of the SWMP are more likely to take an active role in its implementation. Public involvement and participation will ensure the SWMP reflects the actions and efforts stakeholders have committed to in support of reducing pollutant discharges, promoting safe and responsible use of park facilities and following all park rules in order to protect and improve water quality.

Individuals who involve themselves in the development of the SWMP can serve as valuable connections to other citizen and government groups in the community. This promotes an intra-community distribution of knowledge and support and can be particularly valuable when implementing a watershed-based approach to storm water management.

To meet the minimum requirements for public participation and outreach, the USEPA encourages operators to include the public in developing, implementing, updating, and reviewing their SWMP. Carnegie SVRA will solicit public participation and involvement from the community and will utilize creative but effective means of advertising. For example, notification of public review for the SWMP will not only be posted in the newspaper, but also on the website, and at the park entrance kiosk. Notification may also be distributed by newsletter, flyers and email. Whichever medium is selected for advertisement, notifications of public involvement and participation will reach as much of the community as possible.

Carnegie SVRA's web site currently has a link to the Storm Water Management Plan and a link to current weather conditions. Educational materials related to the SWMP are available on the website. SWMP related materials are also available on the park's Facebook page.

### Public Meetings

A public meeting was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. The purpose of this meeting was to provide information on the SWMP and allow stakeholders to ask questions. Approximately twenty individuals attended. Although no survey was distributed, training is being drafted for interested public members. The attendees will be given a quiz to help assess the effectiveness of the training.

Additionally, the park's superintendent continued to give PowerPoint presentations to several elected officials; two such meetings occurred on March 26, 2014 and July 30, 2014 lasting approximately six hours. Park superintendent also gave educational power point presentations on the SWMP to two user groups: Park volunteers on March 1, 2014 and District 36 American Motorcycle Associations January 17, 2014. Each presentation was around four hours followed up by a question and answer session.

## Public Interpretive Program

### *Components:*

- Panels program
- Brochures
- Social media
- Education booth
- Public meetings

### *Component Summaries:*

**Panels:** A series of six panels to explain the SWMP and its components to Carnegie SVRA's visitors was created. Four of the panels are about different habitats in the park, the plants and animals that live in those habitats, and how they are affected by water quality. One of the panels is about preventing illicit discharges. The sixth panel outlines the pollutants of concern and what visitors can do to protect water quality. One of each of these panels will be installed at the park store, where visitors congregate. Additional panels will be placed throughout the park in well-trafficked areas. The goal of these panels is to make visitors aware of the importance of protecting water quality, and ways in which they can help.

**Brochures:** A brochure has been developed that describes the pollutants of concern and how visitors can prevent them from affecting water quality. This brochure is available on Carnegie SVRA's web site, at the entrance station, and at the educational booth during special events and some weekends.

**Social media:** Carnegie seeks to inform and educate visitors through its Facebook page. Park conditions are regularly updated on the page, and sometimes lead to questions about park policies. This gives us an opportunity to inform our users about the SWMP and the importance of protecting water quality.

**Education booth:** An education booth is set up at least four weekends a year within the park for special events. This same booth is taken to events outside the park two to three times a year. The same materials used in the booth are set up on Sundays during riding season next to the park store. Materials available at the education booth include the SWMP brochure and information on animals and habitats found within the park. For events within the park a taxidermy specimen is usually on display, frequently a bobcat or great horned owl, which gives those staffing the booth an opportunity to talk about the importance of protecting habitat.

**Public meetings:** Public meetings, such as those held for Carnegie's General Plan effort, provide park staff with an opportunity to discuss park policies such as the SWMP. Users regularly have

questions about the creek closure whenever they interact with park staff, which allows staff to present the importance of managing water quality.

### Volunteer Led OHV Maintenance Training Program

On February 21, 2013 the Carnegie Advisory Team (CAT) met for the first time. The CAT's mission is to provide input on park projects and operations that relate to the user's recreational experience and safety. The overall goal is to give stakeholders a voice with park staff to present ideas, complaints, and views on current projects, future projects, operations, and public outreach. CAT meetings provide a forum for park staff to inform stakeholders on park functions, park planning, and regulations and how they pertain to the way the park is or will be operated. This partnership will allow management to hear the visitor's ideas and concerns and take them into account when making decisions on activities that will affect the park. The partnership also brings transparency to the stakeholders on management decisions regarding park planning and operations. Meetings are held at least once each quarter and consist of a combination of field and office meetings.

The park's superintendent also gave presentations at all rider special events on how to properly maintain OHVs and made absorbent cloths available to participants. Proper fueling and maintenance methods are also included in the draft public presentation that will be available for staff and the public.

In the last year Carnegie has partnered with Riders Recycle to promote responsible recycling of oil from off-highway vehicles and prevent illicit discharges, both at Carnegie and outside the park. Riders Recycle has had staff and oil change funnels, gloves, and containers and information about oil change workshops at the last three hill climb events and at the outreach booth at Contra Costa County Fair, reaching over eight hundred people. Riders Recycle is currently planning to hold oil-change clinics at Carnegie SVRA. The results of these clinics will be discussed in the next reporting cycle.

### Website

A copy of the SWMP is available on the Carnegie SVRA website at [http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/25010/files/carnegie-svra\\_swmp.pdf](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/25010/files/carnegie-svra_swmp.pdf). A project folder is also being drafted to provide the public with information for projects.

**Table 2: Measurable Goals for Public Participation/Involvement BMPs**

BMP	Year of Implementation	Measurable Goals
<b>Public Meeting</b>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public meeting notification</li> <li>• Hold public meeting</li> <li>• Distribute the survey at the end of the meeting</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If necessary, 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting notification</li> <li>• If necessary, hold 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting</li> <li>• If necessary, distribute the survey at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting</li> <li>• Compile results from the survey(s) and include in the Annual Report</li> <li>• Report the number of attendees for each meeting in the Annual Report</li> </ul>
<b>Public Interpretive Program</b>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a draft of the interpretive program</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize the program presentation</li> <li>• Provide presentation on the status of SWMP implementation</li> <li>• Distribute the survey at the end of the presentation</li> <li>• Compile results from the survey and include in the Annual Report</li> <li>• Report the number of attendees in the Annual Report</li> </ul>
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the presentation</li> <li>• Give annual presentation on the status of SWMP implementation</li> </ul>
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute the survey at the end of the presentation</li> <li>• Compile results from the survey and include in the Annual Report</li> </ul>
	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report the number of attendees in the Annual Report</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteer Led OHV Maintenance Training Program</b>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a volunteer lead OHV maintenance training program</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing park volunteers and seek a qualified volunteer instructor for the program</li> <li>• Train the volunteers</li> <li>• Organize and implement the training session</li> <li>• Provide a survey at the end of the training session</li> <li>• Record the number of participants and the results of the survey in the Annual Report</li> </ul>
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to implement the training sessions</li> </ul>
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to seek qualified volunteer instructors</li> <li>• Provide a survey at the end of the training session</li> </ul>

<b>BMP</b>	<b>Year of Implementation</b>	<b>Measurable Goals</b>
	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record the number of participants and the results of the survey in the Annual Report</li> <li>• Evaluate and adapt the training program as necessary</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a link to the SWMP and a water quality based programs and projects section</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate and update the website link and programs and projects section as needed</li> </ul>
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## Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

One of the primary objectives of the illicit discharge detection and elimination program is to encourage operators to develop an extensive awareness of their storm sewer system and the potential situations that can result in an illicit discharge. Currently, Carnegie SVRA does not have a storm sewer system to manage storm water runoff from the site. Runoff from the park infiltrates into the subsurface, evaporates, or directly enters Corral Hollow Creek and its tributaries as surface water runoff. A storm drain system is not needed since less than 5 percent of the area is impervious. The majority of impervious area is not directly connected and not all non-storm water discharges are detrimental to the receiving waters. According to the General Permit, the following categories of non-storm water discharges do not need to be addressed and as such are not addressed in this illicit discharge detection and elimination program provided they are not a significant source of pollutants:

- Water line flushing
- Incidental runoff from landscaped areas
- Diverted stream flows
- Rising ground water
- Uncontaminated ground water infiltration to separate storm sewers
- Uncontaminated pumped ground water
- Discharges from potable water sources
- Foundation drains
- Air conditioning condensation
- Springs
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Footing drains
- Individual residential car wash water
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges

### Pollutant Source Maps

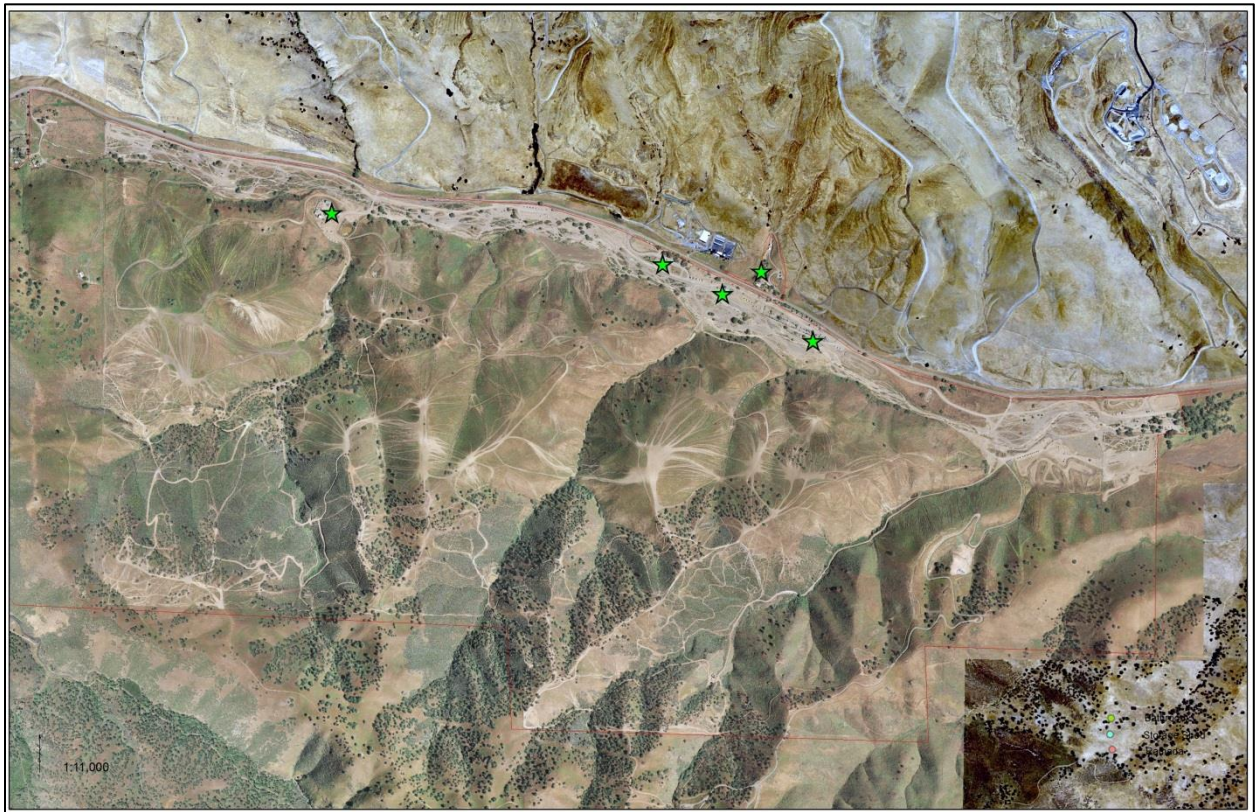
The pollutant source maps can be found in Attachment D. Five facilities are monitored as part of the illicit discharge detection elimination program and include the maintenance yard, the ranger station, the store, the campground, and the water treatment facility. The baseline photos for the photo points are included in Attachment E.

## Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program

The inspection forms for monthly and storm event inspections can be found in Attachment F. Beginning in April 2013, monthly inspections have been made for the facilities identified previously and the inspections are included in Attachment G. There were no complaint driven inspections for this reporting cycle.

### Notification Signage achieved

An illicit discharge information panel was created and can be found in Attachment H. These signs will be posted at the store and in the campground. Additional signage has been ordered to warn visitors that illicit discharges are prohibited and make them more aware of the connectivity of conveyance systems to the creek.



**Map 2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program Monitoring Locations.** The locations of the five facilities monitored as part of the illicit discharge detection and elimination program. From left to right: maintenance yard, the ranger station, the store, the water treatment facility, and the campground

**Table 3: Measurable Goals for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination BMPs**

<b>BMP</b>	<b>Year of Implementation</b>	<b>Measurable Goals</b>
<b>Pollutant Source Mapping</b>	1	Generate a map of pollutant sources within Carnegie SVRA
	2	Update the pollutant source map as necessary
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<b>Illicit Discharge Inspection and Elimination Program</b>	1	Generate an inspection form for monthly and storm event inspections Generate an inspection form for complaint-driven inspections and incidents
	2	Begin conducting monthly and storm event inspections of pollutant sources Update inspection forms to be consistent with pollutant source map Implement complaint-driven illicit discharge inspection and elimination program Record the number of complaints and responses in the Annual Report
	3	Conduct monthly inspections of pollutant sources
	4	Update inspection forms to be consistent with pollutant source map
	5	Continue to implement complaint-driven illicit discharge inspection and elimination program Record the number of complaints and responses in the Annual Report
<b>Notification Signage</b>	1	Complete a draft of the informational sign Identify the posting locations for each sign
	2	Post all signs
	3	Inspect, update, and maintain each sign
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<b>Educational Materials</b>	1	See Table 1
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## **Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control**

Clearing, grubbing, and grading activities associated with construction sites can denude large areas of vegetation, which can expose and destabilize the underlying soils. Since the natural erosion control mechanisms are removed, sediment is more easily detached and entrained in surface water runoff. Because of this, runoff from construction sites can have a significant impact on the quality of the receiving waters.

Construction sites can be a source of a number of pollutants, including nutrients from fertilizers, pesticides, oil and grease, alkalinity from concrete washouts, hydrocarbons from fuels, lubricants and sealants, and construction debris. However, the primary pollutant of concern at construction sites is sediment since it is available in such large quantities. Excess sediment can cause physical, chemical, and biological harm to the receiving waters and reduce water quality. Particulate-bound pollutants, such as heavy metals and hydrocarbons, can also be transported to the receiving waters with the sediment.

Per the USEPA's minimum requirements, permittees are required to develop, implement, and enforce a program to minimize or prevent water quality impacts associated with runoff from all construction sites greater than or equal to one acre. The program shall also include disturbances of less than one acre if the disturbance is part of a larger common plan of development. This would include any site or feature specific to the current or future General Plan.

### Construction Site Inspection Form

The inspection form can be found in Attachment I. No construction project greater than one acre during the reporting period called for inspections. The 4x4 area (4.3 acres) was improved for both water quality and recreation quality; no inspections were conducted as this project was granted a Erosivity Waiver (#5S01W001139).

### Presentation of Training Program

A Microsoft PowerPoint presentation was developed by a consultant, RBF, and was revised based on staff comments (Attachment I). There is also a training quiz currently being developed.

**Table 4: Measurable Goals for Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control BMPs**

BMP	Year of Implementation	Measurable Goals
<b>Construction Site Inspection Program</b>	1	Develop the construction site inspection forms
	2	Conduct monthly SWPPP inspections of each active construction site Summarize the number and nature of the deficiencies in the Annual Report Review and update the construction site inspection form as necessary
	3	
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<b>BMP Manual</b>	1	Continue to use the BMP Manual
	2	Conduct monthly inspections of each active construction site for compliance with the BMP Manual Summarize the number of deficiencies for each BMP in the Annual Report Update the Manual to incorporate new innovative BMPs cross referenced with CASQA and CalTrans specifications
	3	
	4	
	5	
<b>Engineer and Contractor Training</b>	1	Develop the presentation phase of the training program
	2	Develop the field-demonstration phase of the training program or find an existing BMP workshop Generate the training quiz Implement the training program Summarize the effectiveness of the training in the Annual Report
	3	Evaluate and update the training program and quiz Summarize the effectiveness of the training in the Annual Report
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## **Post-Construction Storm Water Management**

Permanent storm water management and control is essential to protecting the quality of the state's receiving waters. New development and redevelopment projects can be a considerable source of pollutants. If exposed to storm water runoff, these pollutants are readily transported into the receiving waters through ditches and pipes or as sheet flow. Increases in impervious area associated with new development and redevelopment typically increase the volume and peak flow rate of the runoff, thus increasing the mobilization potential of the pollutants. Development of storm water management controls and practices during the planning stages of new development and redevelopment projects is one of the most effective and economical ways of meeting the requirements of the General Permit and the storm water management objectives of this SWMP.

New development projects that require coverage under the General Permit consist of projects that disturbed one or more acres of land during the construction phase. Similarly, redevelopment projects are defined as projects that alter the footprint of an existing site or building in such a way that there is a disturbance of at least one acre. At Carnegie SVRA, facility development and modification could be considered new development or redevelopment projects. Each will have to be evaluated for compliance requirements.

Post-construction storm water management primarily consists of non-structural and structural BMPs. Non-structural BMPs include strategies and planning procedures for guiding growth and development away from sensitive areas. Preservation of riparian zones, minimization of disturbance and imperviousness, and maximization of open space are also considered non-structural BMPs. Structural BMPs include treatment devices designed to reduce pollutants through sedimentation, adsorption, decomposition, filtration, plant up-take and infiltration. Sediment basins, media filtration, vegetated buffers and bioswales are all considered structural BMPs

This section's measurable goals are being met and are reported in the next section.

**Table 5: Measurable Goals for Post-Construction Storm Water Management BMPs**

BMP	Year of Implementation	Measurable Goals
<b>BMP Manual</b>	1	Continue to utilize the BMP Manual for all post-construction BMPs Review and update the BMP Manual as necessary
	2	
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<b>Site Planning Procedures</b>	1	Continue to review all projects using the Project Evaluation Form Continue to plan and implement projects to avoid and minimize impacts to resources and water quality
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	3	
	4	
	5	
<b>Site Specific BMPs</b>	1	Continue to evaluate all project sites to determine which BMP is most appropriate Continue to implement BMPs that avoid and minimize impacts to resources and water quality Continue to assess and adapt BMPs as necessary
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
<b>Structural BMPs</b>	1	Continue to implement Structural BMPs Continue to assess projects for compatibility with BMPs Continue to monitor and evaluate BMPs Continue to maintain BMPs Adapt BMPs as necessary
	2	
	3	
	4	
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## Pollution Prevention Good Housekeeping

The goal of proper pollution prevention and housekeeping practices is to ensure that routine operation and maintenance activities are conducted in a manner that minimizes the potential for pollutants to come in contact with storm water runoff. Typical operation and maintenance activities include equipment and vehicle fueling, repair, and maintenance, equipment and vehicle washing, roadway and trail repair, landscaping, vector and weed control, painting, sanitary waste removal, and litter control.

Routine operation and maintenance activities often require the use of chemicals and materials that can be detrimental to the quality of the receiving water including fuels, lubricants, paints, solvents, waste materials, fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides. Proper storage and use of these materials can provide an effective and economical means of reducing pollutant-laden storm water runoff.

### Employee Training

The first draft of a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation was developed (Figure 2) by a consultant, RBF, and is currently being revised based on staff comments. The entire presentation can be viewed in Attachment T. The revised presentation will be given within the next months along with a training quiz (currently under development).

### Vehicle and Equipment Washing

Plans have been drafted for the vehicle and equipment washing facility and bidding is scheduled to take place this winter (2014/2015).

All other measurable goals for this section are continuing to be implemented.



**Figure 2. Employee Training Presentation.** This presentation is in the final revisions.

**Table 6: Measurable Goals for Pollution Prevention/ Good Housekeeping BMPs**

<b>BMP</b>	<b>Year of Implementation</b>	<b>Measurable Goals</b>
<b>Employee Training</b>	1	Develop a training presentation for the maintenance personnel Develop a quiz for the presentation
	2	Implement the training program and quiz Evaluate the training program and update accordingly Summarize the effectiveness of the training in the Annual Report
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<b>Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance</b>	1	Continue to implement the current vehicle and equipment maintenance procedures
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<b>Vehicle and Equipment Fueling</b>	1	Continue to implement the current vehicle and equipment fueling procedures
	2	
	3	
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<b>Vehicle and Equipment Washing</b>	1	Develop plans for a vehicle and equipment washing facility Continue to use appropriate vehicle and equipment washing procedures
	2	Continue to use appropriate vehicle and equipment washing procedures Secure funds for the vehicle and equipment washing facility Install vehicle and equipment washing facility when funds are available
	3	
	4	
	5	
<b>Material Handling and Storage</b>	1	Continue to implement the current materials handling and storage procedures
	2	
	3	

<b>BMP</b>	<b>Year of Implementation</b>	<b>Measurable Goals</b>
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	5	
<b>Spill Prevention and Control</b>	1	Continue to implement the current spill prevention and control procedures
	2	
	3	
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<b>Waste Storage and Litter Control</b>	1	Continue to implement the current waste storage and litter control procedures
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
<b>Sanitary/Septic Waste Management</b>	5	Continue to implement the current sanitary and septic waste management procedures
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## **OHV Trails and Facilities Management**

### Site Background

Trail systems have the potential to alter a landscape's storm water drainage patterns. These alterations can lead to higher rates of erosion and have a negative effect on storm water quality. For this reason, careful consideration must be given to trails system design and layout. Once trails are established, careful monitoring is warranted to ensure excessive erosion does not occur.

While most of the SVRA's facilities are found within the flood plain of Corral Hollow Creek, the trail system is primarily located in the steep hills to the south of the creek. These hills have four well defined sub-watersheds which drain to Corral Hollow Creek. There are several smaller drainages which drain to Corral Hollow Creek, typically in the form of sheet flow. The trail system itself is divided into two areas: open-riding and trails-only. Approximately half of the trail system, the north side, is open-riding, which typically consists of grassland habitat with durable clay soils. While park visitors are generally free to travel throughout this area, many portions, including the hill slopes adjacent to the valley floor, have been fenced and closed in order to maintain vegetation cover and limit erosion. The other half is the trails-only area, which consists mostly of coastal scrub, oak woodlands and friable sand/loam soils. Here, visitors are required to stay on established trails and fencing, along with signage and law enforcement actions, is used to increase compliance.

The trails are categorized as primary, secondary, tertiary, and other. The primary trails are accessible by all sizes of vehicles including emergency vehicles. The secondary trails are accessible to ATVs and motorcycles. The tertiary trails are limited to motorcycle use. Lastly, the "other" trails are voluntary trails which have been created by unauthorized OHV recreation. The primary and secondary trails receive annual maintenance which includes grading, out sloping, installing and reconditioning of BMPs, removing outside berms and pruning vegetation. Tertiary trails are maintained as needed, often by hand. The "other" trails are targeted for closure.

Exclusion of OHV activities occurs throughout the park. Access for OHV use has been restricted in several areas of the park in order to improve storm water quality and protect natural and cultural resources. For example, 70 acres of the Corral Hollow Creek floodplain are permanently closed to OHV activity using split-rail fencing. Designated creek crossings were installed for park visitors to travel from parking and staging facilities to the trail system south of the creek. A minimum 75 foot buffer was established between the creek and recreational use for a majority of the creek's reach. In a few areas, the creek meanders within 75 feet of established park facilities or historic sites. While the maximum allowable flood plain area has been closed in these instances, meeting the 75 foot goal would significantly alter park operations. Solution measures are being explored which involve realigning portions of the creek and reestablishing riparian vegetation within the closure zone, which will also improve creek function. The closed areas are heavily patrolled by the park's law enforcement officers in order to achieve a high level of compliance from the public. The public is restricted to five creek crossings, two of which are hard-surfaced (hard-surfacing is being planned for each crossing). The closure of portions of the flood plain will allow for a vegetative buffer



between the creek and OHV use areas. This vegetative buffer allows for the storm water to slow and sediments to settle prior entering the creek.

Just upslope of the creek, running the length of the park unit, are several steep hills that were used for OHV recreation during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 2002, these hills were closed to the public due to the proximity to the creek and the difficulty of settling the sediment out of the storm water. Most of the hills were restored to a more natural contour while others have recovered naturally. Use is still allowed on one hill, known as the hillclimb facility, for occasional competitive hillclimbing events only. This hill has a berm at the bottom to collect sediment and capture storm water, and the hillside is seeded and covered with straw twice each year.

Throughout the park, pockets of sensitive areas are closed permanently to OHV use. These include culturally significant sites including the Carnegie Brick and Pottery Company ruins and Carnegie lime kiln and quarry site. Environmentally sensitive areas are also closed for various reasons. For example, the exclusion of OHV activity from the lower sections of the main tributaries and the sediment basins protect breeding habitat of amphibian species as well as storm water quality. As a part of the park's strategic trail plan (see *Trails Plan* section), all major drainages will be targeted for protective measures using fencing, rock, and/or landscape features to ensure OHV use is limited.

In other instances, portions of the park are closed temporarily in order to repair and rehabilitate the trails and habitat. These closures allow for vegetation to become reestablished providing clearer distinctions between sanctioned trails and unauthorized routes. A unique example of this management tactic was utilized when the 2009 Corral Fire burnt approximately two hundred acres of vegetation within the park. The result was a barren landscape. The area was subsequently closed to the public in order to allow the vegetation to recover and ensure no off trail riding occurred. The trail system and all erosion features were rehabilitated and this area was opened in 2011 (aka Kiln-East RMA).

Hillside rehabilitation activities are performed throughout the year to reduce the density of trails, prevent soil loss, and restore habitat. Typically, these activities include permanent removal of unauthorized trails by closing, re-contouring, seeding, and protecting the hillside. Denuded areas are often seeded with a native grass and legumes seed mix, along with mulch and tackifier. Fiber rolls are also installed across the slopes to slow storm water velocity. The rolls are spaced 20 to 50 feet apart, depending on hill slope and contour, and are anchored with wooden stakes every four feet. Occasionally, in certain grassland areas, fiber rolls are installed with biodegradable jute netting to create a mutually-reinforcing system. Monitoring and evaluation of these BMPs reveal that project activities and erosion control materials are highly effective in minimizing erosion, stabilizing soil and rapidly reestablishing vegetation. These types of projects have been implemented for many years and reaffirm that we are successfully selecting, installing, monitoring and maintaining the BMPs which protect and improve water quality to the maximum extent practicable.

### *The Trails Plan*

Although several projects and programs were developed and implemented successfully, there was a need to consolidate the years of experience and outline a strategy to provide for more substantial environmental improvements. The trails program is a strategy developed by the park to address a variety of trail issues. It distills the years of experience in rehabilitation and park management along with the OHV BMP manual into one cohesive approach aimed at reducing voluntary trails, increasing vegetation cover, improving water quality, protecting habitat and providing a quality recreational experience.

A new trails program was adopted in 2009. This program uses the lessons of the past to derive the key principals that make up the foundation of the new plan. Similar to the SWMP program, the goal of this program is to protect the health of the soil and bring the trails system into a well-managed trail network. The principals that guide this plan are:

- The new approach is long term. The problem can often be fixed within one or two seasons but may take several years of monitoring and possible maintenance to ensure sustainability.
- Individual projects use a three-tiered approach of physical barriers, education, and enforcement to help ensure off-trail riding does not reoccur.
- The implementation of the trails program focuses on one resource management area with subsequent projects being implemented within adjacent areas. This continuity helps with enforcement and education.
- Individual projects are designed with sustainable trails that anticipate upcoming projects in the adjacent areas. This is done in order to provide connectivity from one project area to another resulting in an improved park wide trails network and better recreational experience, thereby lessening the temptation to go off-trail.
- The type of riding use allowed is determined by soil characteristics. Some soils are durable enough to allow for longer vertical trails while other areas only permit trails that are cross slope, with frequent breaks in grade.

### *Resource Management Areas*

Following these principals, resource management areas (RMAs) have been established for the park. The RMAs are discrete zones established to better plan and implement management activities of areas that share common characteristics. For the most part, the RMAs were divided by sub-watersheds and cover the entire SVRA (Map 3).

### *Implementing the SWMP Tactics*

The trails program utilizes five of the six erosion control tactics of the SWMP program and two of the three sediment control tactics.

#### Erosion Control

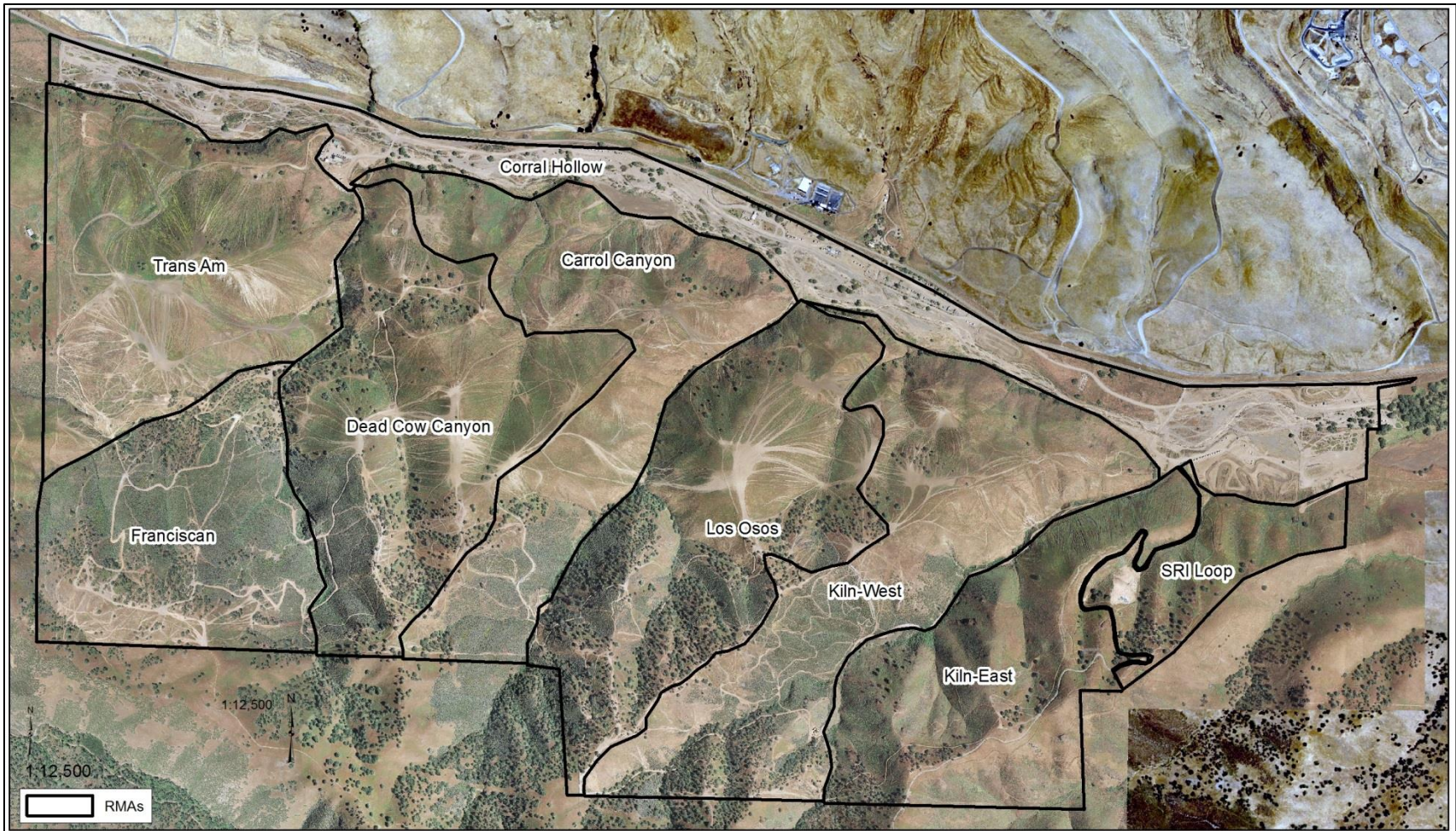
- Reduce trail density
- Break hydrological connections
- Reduce the velocity of concentrated flows
- Develop sustainable trails
- Educate the OHV user to “stay on trail”

#### Sediment Control

- Increase vegetation cover near drainages
- Slow and settle storm water in the sub-tributaries

### *RMA Rehabilitation Projects-The Process*

Scoping: Rehabilitating a RMA begins with a scoping meeting that identifies the problems and goals for each project. The project planning process takes into consideration several items including trail layout, connectivity, emergency access, user interest, enforcement strategy, education methods, buffer zones and a timeline for completion of the project.



**Map 3. Resource Management Areas.** Corral Hollow, SRI-Loop, and Kiln-East RMAs are completed and open as “trails-only”. Although open, Kiln-West and Los Osos RMAs are currently undergoing rehabilitation efforts.

Rehabilitation: The on-the-ground rehabilitation work begins with identifying any trails that have proven to be sustainable and that do not convey high concentrations of storm water elsewhere. These trails are usually incorporated into the RMAs trail network. Trails that have been identified as erosive per the soil conservation programs dataset are eliminated from the trails network and the area restored. Eliminating these trails from the network often involves using heavy equipment to place soil back on the hillside and bring the hillside back to grade. Once in place, the soil is protected using BMPs from the OHV BMP manual. Typically, the BMPs used are a combination of straw wattles, which prevent the concentration of water, and hydro mulch, which protects the soil from precipitation. If the hydro mulch machine is unable to access the area then straw is used to cover the bare soil. Staff is trained in proper implementation techniques and the work is supervised by experienced rehabilitation specialists. These efforts result in an overall reduction in trail density for the area, along with a shortening of hydrological connections, two tactics outlined in this program. Special attention will be given to developing buffer zones near drainages by limiting trail density and soil disturbance within these areas to provide adequate bio-filtration (sediment control).

Once the rehabilitation is complete, the focus turns toward providing sustainable trail access. Over the past several years, park personnel have received classroom and field training from Trails Unlimited, an enterprise of the U.S. Forest Service, on proper trail design and construction to achieve minimal impact on the soil and habitat. This is achieved primarily by preventing accumulation of storm water using a BMP called breaks-in-grade. By changing the elevation to a positive grade at regular intervals, storm water volume is divided into lower concentrations. Most of these methods have been used in the park for several years and have shown high levels of success.

The most innovative approach to the trails plan has been a redesign of the methods used to protect the trails and restored areas. In the past, drift fencing was the primary tool to keep riders off of a rehabilitated area. In this plan, fencing will be used differently. Each rehabilitated RMA will now have perimeter fencing with access gates at the entry points. If/when voluntary trails are created the access gates are closed for a predetermined amount of time to allow for staff to make repairs and to reinforce the trails only message. The progress of this methodology is discussed in the next section.

Education: The public education and outreach component of the trail plan includes tours, brochures, and interpretive panels. State Park Peace Officers (SPPO) lead tours for park visitors through newly rehabilitated areas to discuss the issues of off-trail riding and the park's plan regarding future riding opportunity. These tours give managers an opportunity to hear from the public about the trail plan and incorporate any suggestions into future projects. Just as important, this provides a forum to discuss and educate the public on the negative effects of off-trail riding. Only a fraction of the users can attend the tours, so other educational methods are warranted. Large interpretation panels are posted throughout the park and handouts are distributed at the front kiosk. Similar to the tours, the literature explains the issues associated with high trail density, rehabilitation efforts, and the importance of protecting and improving water quality.

Enforcement: After the rehabilitation work is completed and the area is open to the public, the RMA is heavily patrolled by SPPOs. Off-trail violations will result in temporary closure of the entire

area and citation(s) are given to the offender(s) when possible. This is critical to ensure the areas do not relapse into eroded hillsides and rutted trails. The violations that resulted in the closure are highly publicized so the users understand the consequences of riding off-trail. This publicized message is inclusive of photos and details of the damage and displayed on the bulletin boards at the trail head and at the kiosk.

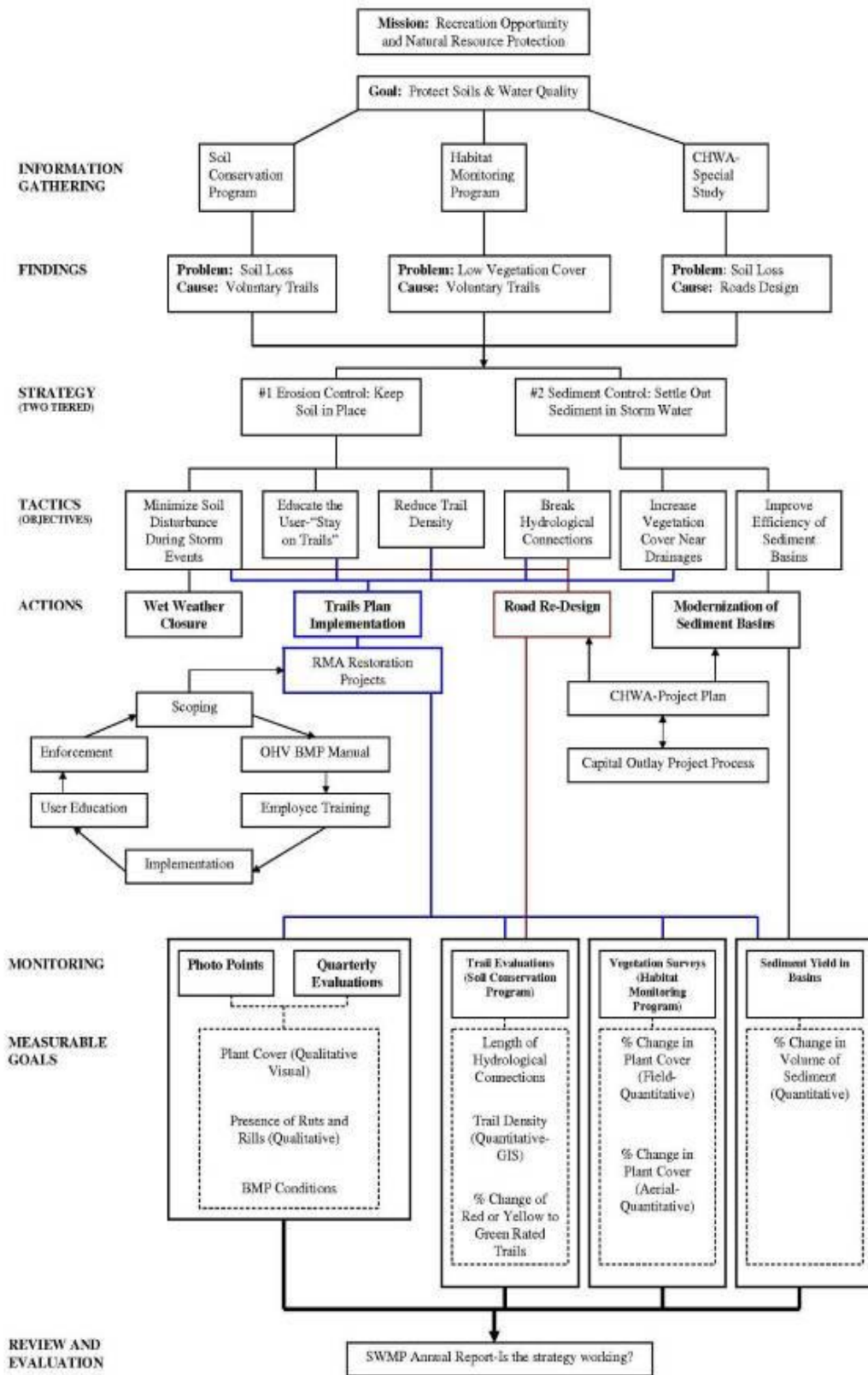


Figure 3. OHV Trails and Facilities Adaptive Management Flowchart.

**Table 7: Measurable Goals for OHV Trails and Facilities Management BMPs**

<b>BMP</b>	<b>Year of Implementation</b>	<b>Measurable Goals</b>
<b>Trails Program Projects</b>	1	Continue to evaluate, rate and record soil conditions (Soil Standards) Continue to perform on-site monitoring and assessment of vegetation (HMS) Continue to connect trail systems and corridors Improve trail design, trail signage and enforcement within all 8 Resource Management Areas Customize trail designs to best fit the local soil type, terrain and habitat Continue to implement rehabilitation and rehabilitation activities Continue to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of BMPs Record activities in Annual Report
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<b>Road Redesign and Sustainability Project</b>	1	Continue to maintain existing Roads Complete the preliminary plan designs Complete environmental review Develop construction plans Submit permit requests to regulatory agencies Obtain final funding for construction Obtain permit approvals from regulatory agencies Implement construction activities Implement construction activities Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of BMPs Record activities in Annual Report
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	5	
<b>Sediment Basins Modernization Project</b>	1	Continue to maintain existing sediment basins Complete the preliminary designs for basin modification Complete environmental review Develop construction plans for basin modifications Submit permit requests to regulatory agencies Obtain final funding for construction Implement basin modifications Implement basin modifications Monitor and evaluate effectiveness of basin modification Adapt and implement additional BMPs and/or basin modification designs if necessary Record activities in Annual Report
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
<b>Wet Weather</b>	1	Continue to restrict OHV access during wet weather events Continue to maintain and patrol closed areas



<b>Closure Policy</b>	2	Continue to restrict access in sensitive areas to protect resources and improve water quality Continue to patrol closed areas Restrict OHV access in all major drainages
	3	
	4	
	5	
<b>Corral Hollow Creek Limited Access</b>	1	Continue to restrict OHV access Develop construction designs for hardened crossings Continue environmental review Obtain funding to install crossings
	2	
	3	Submit permit applications to regulatory agencies
	4	Construct creek crossings Monitor and evaluate effectiveness of creek crossings Adapt and implement additional BMPs and/or basin modification designs if necessary Record activities in Annual Report
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## RMA Discussion

The trails program continued with the RMA model of rehabilitating areas with the goal of reopening them for trails-only recreation. During this reporting period, rehabilitation efforts and planning for the next two RMA rehabilitations continued (see Table 9). As a recap, Corral Hollow Creek RMA was established and operational in 2009, the SRI Loop RMA reopened in January of 2011 and the Kiln East RMA reopened in October of 2011. Currently, this model makes up 27 percent (410 ac) of the park. The planning and rehabilitation efforts are now focused on the Kiln West and the Los Osos RMAs. It is important to note that, while efforts have moved as steadily forward as possible, progress has been slowed due to the unprecedented drought conditions and state water restrictions that have been enacted throughout California. Restoration sites are not watered as they normally would be, and instead are watered only when stabilization or compaction is absolutely needed. During this reporting period, three sub-RMAs were rehabilitated: the 4x4 Facility, the Los Osos Through Cut, and Los Osos Knoll/Happiness (see Map 4). The Hillclimb Facility sub-RMA is still in the planning process as, following review, the BMPs previously suggested for this site are being altered to be more efficient. Black Bear sub-RMA has been completely fenced to eliminate access to previously used, and severely degraded hillclimbs; however, rehabilitation of this sub-RMA is pending an all-weather road creation for equipment to access the area. Table 9 summarizes the status of each RMA and Sub-RMA in regards to the planning effort. Table 8 summarizes the data included in this section or attached to this report.

The early monitoring results suggest the RMA model in general is effective and it is an appropriate approach for achieving the park's water quality objectives. As stated earlier, sediment is a pollutant of concern for the park and one of the ways to address this concern is increasing vegetation cover and providing for long term protection. In general, the photo points collected during this reporting period show an increase in vegetation cover despite the drought (see Attachment J) and little to no off-trail activity in the RMAs completed. Although violations and off-trail riding do occur, the photos show that, at least in the field of view, they do not persist. This is likely a result of a combination of education, visitor cooperation, enforcement, physical barriers, and signage.

**Table 8: OHV Trails and Facilities Monitoring Status**

Monitoring	Included Below	Attached To Report
Quarterly Evaluations		X
Photo Points		X
Annual Trail Evaluations	X	
Vegetation Surveys	X	
Turbidity Readings	X	X
Storm Event Reports (Photos)		X
GIS Analysis	X	
Precipitation Data		X

**Table 9: RMA Status**

RMA	SubRMA	Status	Comments	Acres
Corral Hollow Creek	4x4 Facility	Rehabilitation Activities Complete	BMPs were installed, protection for vegetation buffer increased. Small denuded areas to be rehabilitated ("horseshoes") and then project is complete.	9
	Hillclimb Facility	Planning	BMPs are being planned to improve/extend the berm, improve the parking surfaces, and providing for a vegetation buffer	9
	Remaining Areas	Complete, Monitoring ongoing	Split rail fence installed in February 2012. As a result, no citations have been issued	142
SRI Loop	-	Complete, Monitoring ongoing	Five closures, three citations during reporting period.	108
Kiln East	-	Complete, Monitoring ongoing	Three closures during reporting period	140
Kiln West	Black Bear	Planning, Rehabilitation activities	Perimeter fencing was installed. Rehab awaiting all weather road creation for equipment access to the site.	27
	Through-cut	Complete	Area was rehabilitated, fenced, and will remain closed.	0.5
	Remaining Areas	Planning, Rehabilitation activities	Drift fencing	178
Los Osos	Zone 47	Rehabilitation Activities Complete	Perimeter fencing was installed, off-trail activity has been rehabed, trail design and circulation is being planned. Planned to be opened in the Fall of 2013.	8
	Knoll/Happiness	Planning, Rehabilitation activities	Perimeter fencing was installed, off-trail activity is being rehabed, and trail design and circulation is being planned. This projects will be completed for the 2014/2015 report.	11
	Remaining Areas		Routine maintenance and monitoring on-going	176
Carrol Canyon	Hillclimb Facility	Planning	Planning for improvements to the middle track trail are beginning	41
	Remaining Areas	Maintenance on-going with planning to follow completion of other RMAs	Routine maintenance and monitoring on-going	136
Dead Cow Canyon	-	Maintenance on-going with planning to follow completion of other RMAs	Routine maintenance and monitoring on-going	195
Franciscan	-	Maintenance on-going with planning to follow completion of other RMAs	Routine maintenance and monitoring on-going	145
TransAm	-	Planning, Restoration activities	Routine maintenance and monitoring on-going	196

**Table 10: RMA Closures and Citations**

Closure/Citation Date	Open Date	Location	Description	Rehabilitation Efforts
10/1/2013	10/20/2013	SRI Loop RMA	Signs of off-trail riding observed during inspection, no suspects apprehended	Hay/Straw
10/1/2013	10/20/2013	Kiln East RMA	Signs of off-trail riding observed during inspection, no suspects apprehended	Hay/Straw
12/2/2013	12/7/2013	SRI Loop RMA	Signs of off-trail riding observed during inspection, no suspects apprehended	Hay/Straw
12/19/2013	1/4/2014	Kiln East RMA	Signs of off-trail riding observed during inspection, no suspects apprehended	Hay/Straw
12/21/2013	1/4/2014	SRI Loop RMA	Signs of off-trail riding observed during inspection, no suspects apprehended	Hay/Straw
2/8/2014	2/16/2014	SRI Loop RMA	One person caught riding off-trail, cited	Hay/Straw



**Figure 4. Kiln-East RMA Off-trail Violation, Feb. 2014.** This RMA was closed for one week due to this violation.



**Figure 5. Off-trail Riding Correction Measure.** Inmate crews are often used to implement corrective measures. Hay is typically spread over the exposed soils to reduce raindrop erosion and also to communicate to visitors that the created trail is not sanctioned.

*Corral Hollow RMA*

One of the more diverse RMAs is the Corral Hollow Creek RMA as it includes many biological, cultural, operational, and recreational values. The Corral Hollow Creek RMA was established in 2009 with the aim of formalizing the recreational and natural boundaries. Ensuring a vegetation buffer between the recreation activity and the creek helps improve water quality. The first methodology used to create this delineation was the installation of several signs spaced evenly apart (approximately 25ft). In February 2012 the signs were replaced with a split-rail fence. In general, the photos show the exclusion zone as being successful in preventing unwanted recreation within the setbacks and some signs of vegetation reestablishing, although the vegetation appears to be recolonizing at a slow rate. The time elapsed between many of the photos was three years. In that time, the park has experienced both a wet winter (2011) and two dry winters (2012 and 2013). Perhaps the dry conditions these past two winters have slowed the regrowth of the riparian habitat. Monitoring of vegetation will continue and if the passive rehabilitation continues slowly then active

rehabilitation methods will be considered. This rehabilitation can potentially accompany the sediment basin modernization project (see Project Summary section below) since portions of the creek will need to be realigned as part of that effort.

Vegetation surveys (see the Vegetation Surveys section below) were conducted last year and the results show an increase in the cover grasses/forbes from 33 percent (2010) to 43 percent (2013). Tree cover and shrub cover essentially remained unchanged.

As a result of the high flows during the winter of 2011, channelization and braiding increased from 4 percent to 15 percent between survey periods. Two areas within the Corral Hollow Creek RMA have been identified as needing improvements. These two areas, the hillclimb facility and the 4x4 area, are within the RMA and have been identified as Sub-RMAs. As for the 4x4 area and concerns regarding the recreations proximity to the creek, this area has been improved for both water quality and recreation quality. Buffers between this area and the creek were increased to approximately 200 ft. Some of the unimproved areas were hardened with rock and articulated concrete block. The remaining portion of this project is to rehabilitate existing off-road trails adjacent to the 4x4 area. As for the hillclimb facility, planning is underway to improve the parking surface and access roads and build up the existing berm at the base of the hill (see Project Summary section below). See Map 5 for the spatial locations of the two Sub-RMAs.

#### *SRI Loop RMA*

The SRI Loop RMA was re-opened in January of 2011 for trails-only recreation. This RMA has approximately 1.08 mi of trail. Immediately prior to this project, the total amount of trail was around 5 mi open within the RMA. This RMA has shown improvements in regards to vegetation recovery and storm water quality as compared to pre-rehabilitation conditions (see Attachment J). This was the pilot test for the RMA model which relies primarily on visitor education and park enforcement to keep visitors on established trails. Using the available monitoring data, the RMA model appears to be highly effective in this area. The quarterly monitoring reports (see Attachment N) show very little to no flow during winter storms observed. Although not quantitative, the pre-rehabilitation condition of the area showed a significant rut near the eastern shoulder of the road suggesting high flows in the area. Since the rehabilitation activities reduced trail density and established vegetation, almost all of the subsequent storm water runoff has infiltrated into the soil and little flow has been observed in the drainage. Perhaps this is due to the drier winters but 2011 year's observations were similar and it was a wetter than average year. Most importantly, the photo points (see Attachment J) also convey an area that is managed with high amounts of vegetation cover and little off-trail activity.

#### *Kiln-East RMA*

The Kiln-East RMA was re-opened in October of 2011. This RMA has varying topography and more trails (2.96 mi) as compared to the SRI Loop RMA (1.08). Therefore, there was some uncertainty regarding the effectiveness of the RMA model on this larger and more complex trail system. The available monitoring data does suggest a successful beginning as new off-trail activity was minimal and vegetation is re-establishing (see Attachment J). If widespread, unauthorized trail use was occurring then it would be apparent in these landscape level photographs (see Figure 6).



**Figure 6. The Kiln East RMA.** This photo of Kiln East RMA was taken in December 2013 and shows no obvious signs of off-trail riding. Although some off-trail riding did occur, it is limited.



**Map 4. The Status of the RMAs and the Sub-RMAs.** “Completed” means most of the measures are in place. Through monitoring or other means, areas can be improved to protect the natural and cultural environment and provide recreation.

### *Kiln-West RMA*

The Kiln-West RMA, which is part of the same sub-watershed as Kiln-East, is undergoing rehabilitation efforts and is one of the next areas in which the RMA policy will be instituted using the Sub-RMA strategy of dividing the large area into smaller areas. The photo points (see Attachment J) show both areas that are in need of rehabilitation, and rehabilitation efforts that are currently underway. The Sub-RMA, Black Bear (27 acres), will be the focus of the next rehabilitation activity, once an all-weather road is established for field equipment access (see Map 5). Of this area's 1.69 inventoried trails, 50 percent are rated red indicating that rehabilitation efforts are needed. A fence was installed around the perimeter of the area in the last reporting cycle (see Figure 7) and will allow the closure of the area for future work to occur. Also, the recently formed Carnegie Advisory Team (CAT) is assisting with the planning of the area to help ensure the trail system is interesting and challenging to the public. The Sub-RMA Los Osos Through Cut (0.5 acres) was completely rehabilitated by bringing the old road up to grade and creating a new sustainable emergency access road (Map67). The immediate surrounding area was fenced off completely to eliminate off trail riding in this area, and seeded. A new sustainable trail will be established in the future.



**Map 5. Black Bear and Through Cut Sub-RMAs.** These Sub-RMAs are 27.5 acres (in yellow). Planning and fencing occurred during this reporting cycle. Rehabilitation efforts will occur in the next reporting cycle. Aerial photo is from 2010.





**Figure 7. The Black Bear Sub-RMA.** The perimeter fence (2500') was installed in order to close the area for the rehabilitation work scheduled for the next reporting cycle.



**Map 6. Through-cut.** Improvements included re-aligning the emergency access road, rehabilitating the areas adjacent to the road, and fencing to exclude off-highway vehicle access in the future.



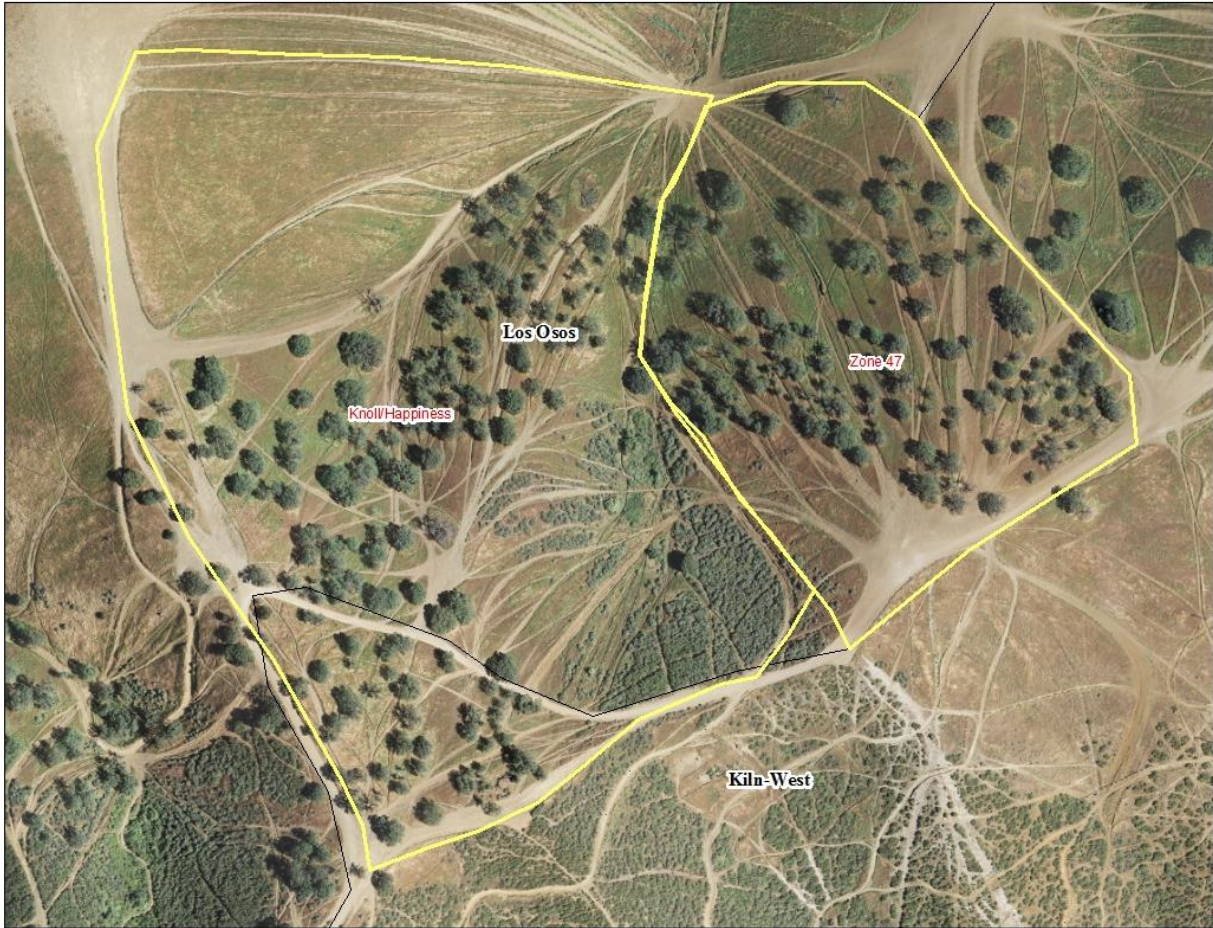
**Figure 8. Rehabilitation of Through Cut.** Area was closed to eliminate off-trail riding, brought up to grade, and restored.

*Los Osos RMA*

The Los Osos RMA is also undergoing rehabilitation work. The Sub-RMA known as Knoll/Happiness (11 acres) was almost completely rehabilitated during this reporting period (see Map 7). The area was closed, recontoured, fiber rolls were placed, and hydromulching will take place in fall 2014 before the first rains. The Sub-RMA known as Zone 47 (8 acres) was rehabilitated and is currently closed for trail planning (see Map 7). As a result of the work completed in this Sub-RMA, the trail system (approx. 0.80 mi) went from 6 percent to 88 percent green. The CAT is working with the park's management team to identify trail routes to use as part of the official system. A fence was also installed around the perimeter of the area consistent with the RMA strategy. This area was scheduled to open in fall 2013; however, due to drought conditions, vegetation growth was minimal and this area will remain closed until fall 2014 as a result. A project summary can be found in Attachment N.



**Figure 9. Rehabilitation Work in Knoll/Happiness.** This shows an area of the Knoll that was closed to eliminate off-trail riding, recontoured, and wattled. Area will be hydroseeded before first rains.



**Map 7. Knoll/Happiness and Zone 47 Sub-RMAs.** These Sub-RMAs constitute 19 acres of rehabilitation within the Los Osos RMA. Zone 47 is complete and Knoll/Happiness is in progress.



**Figure 10. Los Osos Rehabilitation Progress.** The Zone 47 Sub-RMA was completed during the last reporting cycle and the Knoll/Happiness Sub-RMA took place during this reporting period.

### Storm Water Monitoring

The results of the storm water monitoring are below (see Table 11). This data can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the BMPs chosen as part of the strategy. Total suspended solids and turbidity data were both collected to explore the possible correlation between these two measurements. Storm event reports can be found in Attachment M and lab analysis of water samples can be viewed in Attachment L. See Map 8 for sampling locations.

**Table 11: Turbidity (NTU) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Data for BMP Monitoring Effectiveness**

Storm Event		Precip Total	Inspection	Monitoring Locations (TSS/NTU)							
Start Date	End Date			CHC In	Ty 1	Ty 2	Car 1	Car 2	Kiln 1	Kiln 2	CHC Out
11/20/2013	11/20/2013	1.33	#1	No Flow	35700/646	No Flow	61400/428	84900/833	36000/403	No Flow	22300/281
12/7/2013	12/7/2013	0.36	#1	No Flow	8950/86	No Flow	No Flow	No Flow	No Flow	No Flow	No Flow
2/28/2014	2/28/2014	0.86	#1	No Flow	10100/338	No Flow	6120/131	260/352	709/56.7	356/468	3150/102



Map 8. BMP Monitoring-Turbidity Locations.

## Wet Weather Closures

Wet weather closures occurred at least three times during this reporting cycle (see Table 12). Once precipitation reaches the identified thresholds the trailhead gates are closed and recreational access to the hills is restricted. The hills remain closed for minimum of 24 hours and only reopened once condition assessments determined the soils are stable and safety concerns are minimized.

**Table 12: Wet Weather Closures**

Closure Date	Closure Time	Opening Date	Opening Time	Storm Event Precipitation (Inches)
11/20/2013	13:30	11/21/2013	11:30	1.33
12/7/2013	8:00	12/8/2013	8:00	0.36
2/28/2014	8:00	3/2/2014	8:00	0.86



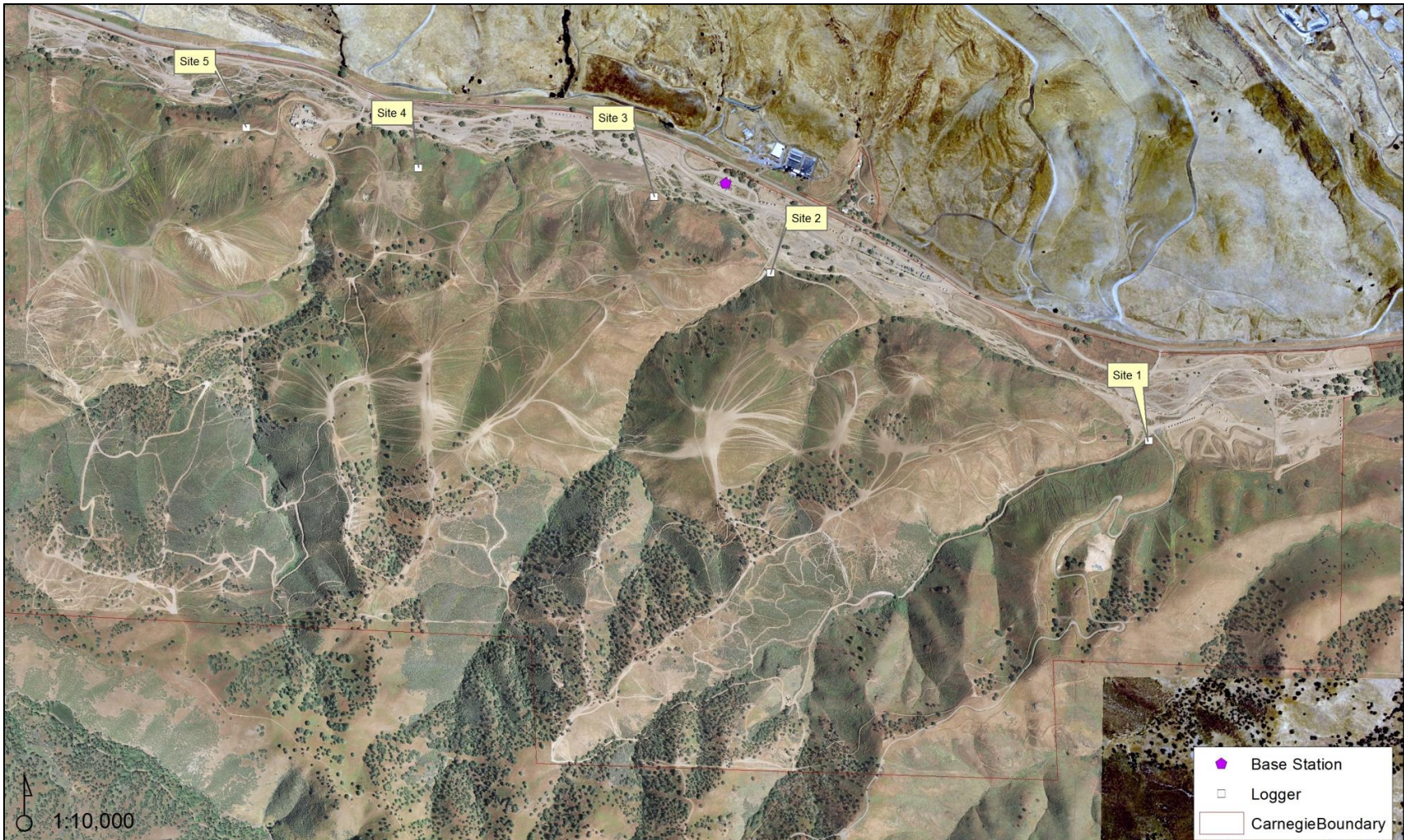
**Figure 11. Wet Weather Closures.** These closures occurred three times this reporting cycle.

The wet weather closures are currently based on estimates derived from hydrological models. Since conditions can be affected by other factors like wind, temperature, and duration since the last storm, the park is investigating the possible use of soil moisture sensors to assist in the opening and closing of the hills. In March 2013, five locations were identified and soil moisture equipment installed (see Map 9). This equipment consists of Decagon Devices dataloggers and sensors. The information is

communicated to the base station in the entrance kiosk and software is used to track the measurements. Unfortunately, very little precipitation has occurred since the meters were installed so very little data collection occurred in the 2012/13 and 2013/14 winters. Over the course of the 2014/15 winter, condition assessments will be made and correlated to the soil moisture data. These results will be submitted to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) for review and to establish soil moisture criteria for opening and closing of the hills.



**Figure 12. Soil Moisture Meter at Site 5.** The meters were installed in March 2013 at five locations.



**Map 9. Soil Moisture Meter Locations.** Each site is located closest to a main trail head while maintaining a direct line of communication to the base station. Site 3 is an exception and is set up to measure the soil conditions at the hillclimb facility.



### Quarterly Evaluations

There were two new projects during this reporting period on which BMP evaluations were conducted. Due to an overturn in staffing during this reporting period, comprehensive BMP evaluations for past projects were not conducted. Although no formal assessments were made, maintenance staff has undergone training on soil loss prevention, and upon informal inspection, all BMPs are in place for the coming wet season. The evaluation forms, along with many of the project summaries, are in Attachment N. Table 13 summarizes the projects included in the attachments.

**Table 13: Project Summaries**

Project #	Project Name	Project Summary	Latest Evaluation	Phase	RMA's
2009-1	Los Osos Drainage Project	X	n/a	Monitoring	Los Osos
2009-2	Raccoon Trail Delineation	X	n/a	Monitoring	Kiln West
2010-1	SRI Loop RMA	X	n/a	Completed	SRI Loop
2010-2	Bunkhouse	X	n/a	Completed	Kiln West
2011-1	Zone 48	X	n/a	Monitoring	Kiln West
2011-2	Zone 59	X	n/a	Completed	TransAm
2012-1	Zone 52	X	n/a	Monitoring	Kiln West
2012-2	Zone 47	X	n/a	Monitoring	Los Osos
2013-1	Zone 27	X	n/a	Monitoring	Dead Cow Canyon
2013-2	Zone 44	X	n/a	Monitoring	Los Osos
2013-3	Zone 14 & 15	X	X	Completed	Franciscan Lop
2013-4	4x4 Area	X	X	Monitoring	Corral Hollow Creek

### Photo Monitoring Program

The photo monitoring program is aimed at collecting photos from fixed locations over time to detect changes, both natural and manmade. These allow for objective evaluation of the BMPs and methods chosen to manage the park's natural resources. In particular, these photo points are needed for the monitoring of the RMA model discussed in the introductory section since limiting off-trail riding is the primary goal of the trail plan strategy. Landscape photos in particular can reveal the success or failure of the tactics chosen as off-trail activity is easily visible. The results of these efforts can be found in Attachment J.

### Annual Trail Evaluations

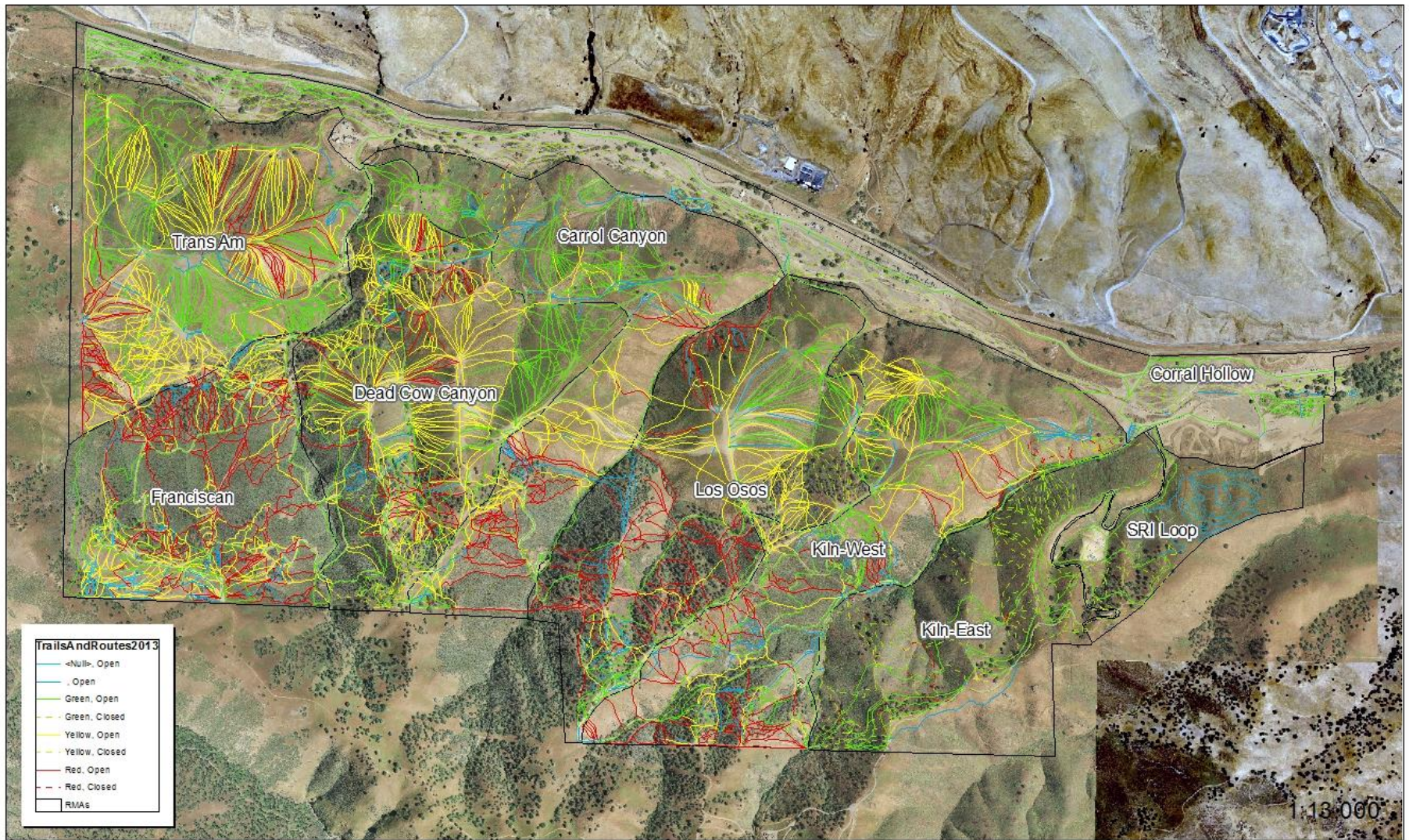
Over the past several years, the soil standard trail assessments have been conducted in the fall (see Tables 14 and 15, Map 10).

**Table 14: Summary of Trail Ratings, All Trails. For 2013, 248 miles of trails were rated.**

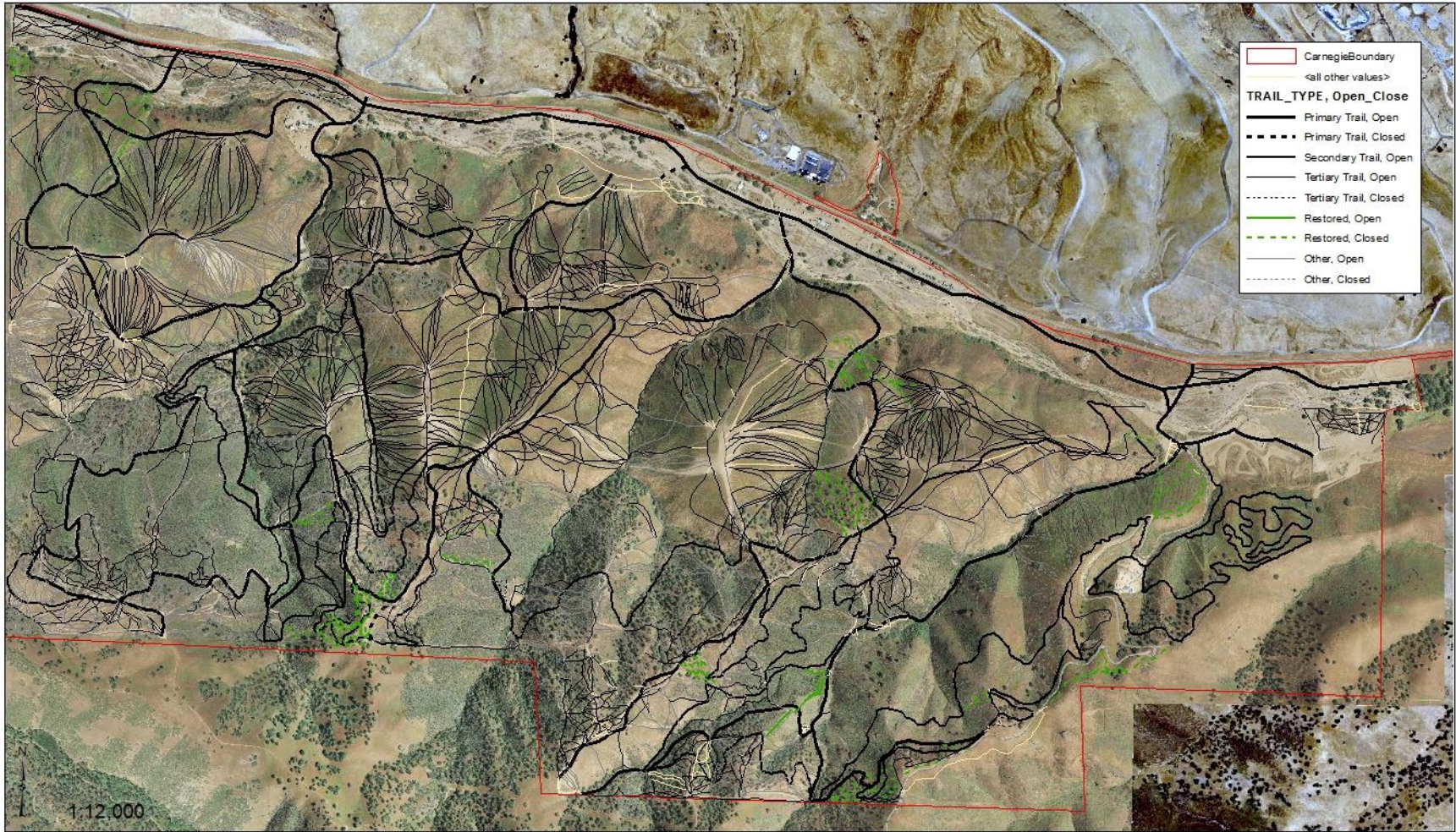
ALL	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Green	27%	44%	46%	48%	46%
Yellow	45%	37%	36%	34%	34%
Red	28%	19%	18%	18%	20%

**Table 15: Summary of RMA Trail Ratings. The percentages are based on trail mileage. A small percentage of trails do not get evaluated since they may have been cataloged after the annual evaluations. These trails will be evaluated the next annual cycle.**

<b>RMA</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Corral Hollow Creek	Green	55%	90%	92%	92%	91%
	Yellow	34%	2%	2%	2%	4%
	Red	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%
SRI Loop	Green	46%	91%	98%	98%	98%
	Yellow	35%	9%	2%	2%	2%
	Red	19%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Kiln East	Green	26%	64%	74%	86%	89%
	Yellow	22%	15%	11%	2%	2%
	Red	44%	13%	7%	4%	6%
Kiln West	Green	28%	48%	49%	52%	46%
	Yellow	38%	31%	30%	28%	31%
	Red	35%	21%	22%	20%	21%
Los Osos	Green	40%	43%	36%	38%	40%
	Yellow	31%	30%	35%	32%	28%
	Red	29%	26%	29%	30%	29%
Carrol Canyon	Green	41%	50%	53%	52%	47%
	Yellow	40%	35%	33%	30%	30%
	Red	20%	15%	14%	18%	20%
Dead Cow	Green	31%	41%	40%	44%	44%
	Yellow	59%	50%	52%	46%	39%
	Red	10%	9%	8%	10%	17%
Franciscan	Green	16%	22%	20%	23%	23%
	Yellow	39%	36%	38%	35%	40%
	Red	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%
Trans Am	Green	26%	39%	36%	41%	39%
	Yellow	42%	45%	48%	45%	46%
	Red	32%	16%	15%	14%	15%



Map 10. Trail Ratings for 2013



Map 11. Trail Types for 2013.

Vegetation Surveys

The vegetation/trail density surveys were completed for the riparian habitat (see Table 16). Data collection for the blue oak habitat is near completion for 2013 and results will be available for the 2014 annual report. The protocols for the vegetation surveys can be found in the parks habitat monitoring report.

**Table 16: Results of Vegetation Surveys within the Riparian Habitat. Some segments of the transect sample were closed to OHV recreation in the SVRA (2010: 63%, 2013: 66%).**

	Forbes/Grasses		Shrubs		Trees (Canopy)	
	2010	2013	2010	2013	2010	2013
SVRA (n=10)	33%	43%	2%	3%	7%	7%
Control (n=9)	91%	91%	7%	7%	3%	4%
	Bare Soil		Gravel Mix		Channel	
	2010	2013	2010	2013	2010	2013
SVRA (n=10)	26%	37%	39%	37%	4%	15%
Control (n=9)	4%	2%	11%	11%	1%	7%



**Figure 13. Vegetation/Trail Density Line Intersect Surveys.**

Sediment Yield from Basins

Sediment removal occurs annually in September. See Figures 14-16 for before and after photos of the cleanout. The sediment from the basins is used for rehabilitation projects (see Figure 17).



**Figure 14. Kiln Basin Cleanout.**



**Figure 15. Carrol Basin Cleanout.**



**Figure 16. Tyson Basin Cleanout.**



**Figure 17. Sediment Reuse.** The sediment from the basins is used for rehabilitation projects in the park. The photo shows Zone 47 being rehabbed.

### Precipitation Data

The precipitation total for the reporting period was 5.3 inches. The records can be found in Attachment P.

### Project Summaries

#### *Road Reconstruction Project*

One of the recommendations from the CHWA was to redesign the roads within the park to reduce their erosion potential. The CHWA identified past, present, and future sources of erosion from the road and trail reaches, stream crossings, and the associated gullies within the park. The researchers evaluated the relative quantities of sediment lost, the probability of future erosion, the likelihood of sediment delivery to the creek, and the feasibility and chance of successful treatment. The researchers used a “geomorphic” approach to the inventory that was developed by the National Park Service and DPR. Once the issues were identified, rehabilitation measures were developed for each inventoried feature. These rehabilitation measures were designed to provide economical and feasible solutions to mitigate current erosion and sediment mobilization issues while preventing potential future issues.

The road and trail reconstruction measures are intended to be cost effective, reduce maintenance, increase seasonal access for staff and most importantly, reduce the down slope impacts of improper road and trail drainage (gullies, landslides, and sediment delivery). The recommended rehabilitation efforts would be implemented by Carnegie SVRA staff, equipment contractors, and/or Trails Unlimited. California Conservation Corps (CCC) members, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDFFP) inmate crews and other volunteer groups may also be included in the rehabilitation process to provide an additional workforce or assist with public education and outreach.

Many of the objectives are aimed at reducing the overall soil disturbance and hydrological connections that currently exist. Breaking these connections will rely on a number of methods including out sloping, rolling dips, reducing trail width, reroutes, and hard surfacing. Hard surfacing will include the installation of rock and road base on a majority of the roads to reduce erosion and allow staff safe access in the hills during and after rain events. The improvements will be made to 8.1 miles of roads along with several stream crossings.

This project has been funded as a capital outlay improvement and the CEQA work has been completed (State Clearinghouse #2011092030). Working drawings are nearing finalization (see Attachment Q). This project has been delayed due to permitting complications; more information is currently being compiled to satisfy Section 1600 permit application needs. Fall Creek Engineering, Inc. (FCE) has prepared the working drawings for this project (see Attachment Q). The anticipated timeline for this project is for the permitting and bidding to occur in the 2013/14 reporting cycle and construction to occur in the 2014/15 reporting cycle.

#### *Sediment Basin Modernization*

Sediment control is the second tier of the SWMP strategy which minimizes suspended sediment entering Corral Hollow Creek. Two of the three sediment control tactics identified earlier, increasing vegetative buffers near drainages and settling sediment out of storm water in the sub-tributaries, will be utilized in the trails plan and road reconstruction projects. The third tactic, capturing storm water within the main tributaries, is the focus of the sediment basin modernization project.

Over the past thirty years, the sediment control strategy of the park has relied on three basins at the mouths of the three largest tributaries within the park. Collectively, these basins receive runoff from approximately 70 percent of the park's hills, which is the primary area of recreation. Many of the basins were originally constructed as stock ponds and have not been properly sized for storm water treatment. However, the basins appear to be effective at reducing sediment loads to Corral Hollow Creek as indicated by the amount of sediment that is recovered from the basins each year. Once dry, the sediment in the basins is removed and used for upland rehabilitation projects throughout the park. In order to maintain the treatment effectiveness of the existing basins, the OHMVRD is in the process of redesigning and relocating the basins as necessary to provide a more stable and effective means of sediment control. The basins help to manage storm water runoff from the trails and roads located in the upper portions of the park.

Improving the efficiency of the sediment basins is the focus of this project. The CHWA research found that the present design of the sediment basins are too deep, do not allow for proper settling of sediment or evaporation of the water and recommends upgrading these systems to meet current industry standards. Recommendations are based on the individual basins tributary characteristics and ranged from adding or relocating basins to using skimmers to drain each basin.

FCE proposes new multi-celled basins at each of the three locations. The proposed basins will increase the overall detention volume and have been sized to detain the 90th percentile 24-hour storm event. The basins have been designed to function in series via gravity flow. A hydraulic model has been prepared and the methodology and results are presented in the 'Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis, Proposed Sediment Basins' prepared by Fall Creek Engineering, dated August 22, 2011.

Flow from the natural channel will be diverted from the existing drainage channel into each



basin using an inlet diversion structure. The inlet diversion structure will be designed using slide gates that will direct the majority of runoff and sediment into the new basins and bypass excess flows to Corral Hollow Creek via a grass lined swale.

If approved, the basins will be constructed with earthen berms and in some areas excavated to attain an effective depth of 6 feet. The top of the berm will be approximately 10 feet wide to provide access to the basins for routine maintenance and sediment removal. The berm slopes will be shaped to a slope of 2H:1V. An overflow outlet will be located 6 feet above the bottom of the basin. Each basin will have an additional two feet of freeboard for an overall depth of 8 feet. The berms on the creek side of the basins will include a bench at approximately 4 feet from the top of the berm. The bench will be approximately 10 feet wide and may be planted with native vegetation. The lower portion (approximately 4 feet) of the berm will be reinforced with rip rap.

The primary outlets for each basin will be skimmers, which are designed to take only the cleanest water from the top portion of the water column. FCE anticipates that two 8" skimmers will provide adequate capacity to convey runoff through the basins while capturing the majority of sediment.

An overflow outlet will be installed to provide additional outflow capacity, if needed. The overflow pipe outlet will include a 24-inch diameter stand pipe with perforations located six (6) feet from the bottom of the basin (2 feet from the top of berm). The spillway and skimmers will be directed into rock lined swales that will convey treated runoff to Corral Hollow Creek.

Channel realignment is proposed for Corral Hollow Creek at two of the three basin locations and includes Kiln Canyon Basins and Carrol Canyon Basins. The creek realignment will shift the creek to the north approximately 50 to 80 feet.

At the two locations where channel realignment is proposed, new creek crossings are also proposed where the road/trail crosses Corral Hollow Creek. The creek crossing proposed for Kiln Canyon (aka SRI Crossing) is a precast three sided bridge with wing walls. The three sided bridge has a natural creek bottom that will allow for sediment and debris to move through the channel.

The creek crossing proposed for Carrol Canyon (aka Los Osos crossing) is a low creek crossing (ford) that will include a low spot in the channel where water will flow over the road surface. The ford crossing will be armored with a paver system (possibly articulated concrete block) to support large service and emergency vehicles.

Topographic grading models were developed for each basin to provide the information necessary to estimate grading volumes. The working drawings for this project can be found in Attachment R. The permitting process has begun and revisions have been made based on initial feedback from outside agency review. The anticipated timeline for this project is for the permitting and bidding to occur in the 2013/14 reporting cycle and construction to occur in the 2014/15 reporting cycle.

### *Hillclimb Facility*

The purpose of this project is to implement BMPs to improve storm water quality within the hillclimb facility. Hillclimb competitions are closed-course events that occur four times each year (October, November, March, April) at Carnegie SVRA. These events are part of the national and state competition circuit series. Features within the 50 acre facility include varying uses within the boundary including a competition hill (11.25 ac), a practice hill (4 ac), a pit area/parking area (3.25 ac), secondary parking (3.5 ac), and a low impact use area that allows competitors to return to the pit area (22 ac).

The facility has several BMPs in place currently. The competition hill has a berm (2-3' tall) at the base to collect sheet flow and sediment. The competition and practice hills are covered in straw and seed after the events in November and April. Soil is placed back on the hill as needed to prevent rutting and accelerated erosion.

The goal of the project is to evaluate the hydrology of the hillclimb facility and upgrade the BMPs to reduce the potential of sediment discharging from the hillclimb facility. Through this evaluation a site specific wet weather policy could be established using less stringent precipitation thresholds. These thresholds could be justified by a combination of data, modeling, and BMP upgrades. This project will have three tasks and we will utilize the Department's engineer resources to assist in completing each task.

Summarized below are preliminary discussions that have occurred with the park's storm water specialists. These are only conceptual and would need to be vetted through the department's engineering team. The project's final design will be provided to the CVRWQB for review. Below is a summary of the BMP features (see Attachment K):

- Extend the berms to include containment of the practice hill and pit/parking areas (a berm at the competition hill already exists).
- Improve (hard-face) or reroute a portion of the return path the competitors use to re-enter the pit area.
- Use fill to slope the parking areas away from the creek (this may eliminate the need for the proposed berm). Also, use a base rock and/or amendment to allow for more infiltration and reduce the turbidity from the parking areas.
- At the facility's discharge locations, provide vegetative buffers to help filter storm water.

### BMP Status Update

The 2014 BMP status report will be submitted on November 15<sup>th</sup>. In Attachment S, an inventory of the BMPs from 2013 can be found.

### Metals Assessment

Due to the drought conditions, Corral Hollow Creek produced little flows in 2012/13 and 2013/14 winters. Inherent in the study design for the metals assessment (see SWMP August 2012), many samples are located in stream and therefore flow needs to occur. After corresponding with the CVRWQCB, all agreed that sampling will occur, if feasible during the winter of 2014/15.