

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2014
8:38 a.m. to 3:38 p.m.

North Tahoe Event Center
8318 North Lake Boulevard
Kings Beach, CA 96143

OHMVR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Diana Pérez, Vice Chair
Ted Cabral
Erin Hafkenschiel
Eric Lueder
Kevin Murphy
Edward Patrovsky
Teresa Villegas

OHMVR COMMISSIONER ABSENT

Paul Slavik, Chair

OHMVR DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Conlin, Deputy Director
Maria Mowrey, Administrative Chief
Kathryn Tobias, Legal Counsel

OTHER STAFF AND REGISTERED VISITORS

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER – 8:38 A.M.

- (A) Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Villegas.
- (B) Roll Call – Seven Commissioners present at time of roll call and one Commissioner absent. One Commission member appointment vacant.

After a brief introduction of the new Commissioners Erin Hafkenschiel and Eric Lueder, Vice Chair Pérez introduced the local dignitaries, welcomed the public, and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM II – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Villegas and seconded by Commissioner Lueder. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM III (A) – APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2014 MINUTES

Motion to approve the May 2, 2014, minutes was made by Commissioner Cabral and seconded by Commissioner Lueder. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM IV (A) – COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- Commissioner Murphy reported on the following:
 - He has been working with Vice Chair Pérez on OHV safety for youth and safety training at Oceano Dunes SVRA.
 - He has also been working on the statewide motorized trail system with Commissioner Cabral.
 - On September 25, 2014, he toured a few of the OHV areas within the Tahoe National Forest with Don Amador.
- Commissioner Cabral attended the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) Annual Conference held in Montana on August 19-23. He reported that the 2015 conference celebrating NOHVCC's 25th anniversary would be held in California.
- Commissioner Villegas participated in a planning meeting for a proposed acquisition in Southern California.
- Vice Chair Pérez asked for a moment of silence in memory of Jim Keeler. Deputy Director Conlin acknowledged Mr. Keeler's contributions to OHV recreation, the OHMVR Division, and the BLM.
- Chair Slavik's written report, presented by Commissioner Villegas, provided the following updates:
 - On May 14, 2014, he attended the National Outdoor Recreation Conference in San Francisco with Dan Canfield, OHMVR Division Planning Manager. Mr. Canfield gave a presentation about the OHMVR program to a national audience of park professionals.
 - On May 31, 2014, he met with individuals from UCSB Bren School of Environmental Science & Management who are interested in starting a Youth Desert Service Program and School in Joshua Tree National Park.
 - He attended a meeting on July 10, 2014, with the Urban Park Work Group at Castaic State Park to develop a plan for the October 18, 2014, youth outreach program.

- He attended an open house on July 31, 2014, with Commissioner Villegas, Dan Canfield, and Chris Hon regarding the proposed Hungry Valley SVRA acquisition.
- He met with personnel from Honda on August 8, 2014, to discuss a possible donation to the Off-Road PAL Program.
- He attended the Off Roads Night Dirt Lifestyle Festival in Temecula on August 8, 2014 with Ocotillo Wells District Superintendent Garratt Aitchison.
- Commissioner Patrovsky introduced John Blachley, patrolman for the Sierra Pacific Industries. Mr. Blachley presented a slideshow on OHV trespass problems on private property owned by the Sierra Pacific Corporation.

Tim Beals, County Public Works Director, Nevada County Planning Commission, thanked the Commission and the OHMVR Division for its continued support of the Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) program. He spoke briefly about the grooming program and the County's involvement with surrounding National Forests. The County has 240 miles of groomed trails making it the largest groomed trail program in Northern California. He also acknowledged that the program's success is largely due to its many volunteers.

AGENDA ITEM IV (B) – COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Commissioner Cabral reported that he has been monitoring the new Planning Process of the Early Adopters (Sequoia, Sierra, Stanislaus, and Inyo National Forests).

He requested a report on the Statewide Motorized Trail for the next Commission meeting. He would like the report presented at Commission meetings in both Northern and Southern California in order to solicit public comment from each section of the state.

- Commissioner Villegas requested staff gather attendance statistics from the youth outreach program scheduled for October 18, 2014.
- Commissioner Murphy reported he has been working on OHV safety training for youth and safety training at Oceano Dunes SVRA. He took the State of Oregon's online safety training course and thought the class was thorough.
- Commissioner Patrovsky reported on issues regarding the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). He and Vice Chair Pérez contacted, met, and conducted field trips with members of two property owners associations—the Recreation Landowners Association and the Oak Canyon Association. Vice Chair Pérez expressed her appreciation for all the work Brian Robertson and Mike Howard have done on this project.
- Vice Chair Pérez and Commissioner Patrovsky attended a meeting of the Alliance for Responsible Recreation held in Landers on August 9, 2014. The Alliance asked them to present the following five items to the Commission for its consideration:

- Educational Outreach – develop public service announcements
 - Increase fines and impound and confiscate vehicles for flagrant violations
 - Provide more visible identification plates for OHVs
 - Some critics of OHV trespass feel harassed and intimidated
 - Additional restrictions on youth including parental supervision, enforcement, safety training, and size-appropriate OHVs for youth
- Commissioner Lueder expressed interest in becoming a member of some Ad Hoc Commission Committees—Forest Service, BLM, Fuel Tax Study. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to review the Committee list at the next Commission meeting.

Administrative Chief Maria Mowrey introduced new staff members—Katie Metraux, Planning Specialist; Maria Olmos, Grant Administrator; and Mark Hada, State Parks Superintendent III. In addition, she informed the Commission that Barbara Greenwood, Grant Administrator, retired; Brian Robertson took a position at Point Sur; Mike Lair took a position at the Russian River District; and Mike Howard took a position at the Folsom Lake Sector office.

AGENDA ITEM V (A) – PROGRAM REPORTS – U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Kathleen Mick, Trails, OHV and Travel Management Program Manager, USFS, introduced staff from the Tahoe National Forest.

Joe Chavez, Trails Recreation Specialist, Tahoe National Forest, expressed his appreciation for the Forest’s partnership with the OHMVR Division. He stated the Division’s Grants Program has been instrumental in helping manage the OHV and OSV programs. He provided an overview of the recreational opportunities available throughout the Tahoe National Forest.

Quentin Youngblood, District Ranger, Sierraville Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest, presented a report on the Little Truckee Summit and its importance to the economic health of the communities in the area. He discussed a preliminary site plan that identified a 40-space parking area expansion that would provide a safer environment for visitors. Currently, when the existing parking lot is full visitors to the area have to park in the fog line along the alignment of Highway 89, which exposes them to hazardous situations.

In response to Commissioner Cabral’s inquiry, Mr. Chavez said they have a very robust volunteer program. In addition to providing input during the trail planning stages, volunteers help build and maintain the trails. He further stated that they offer volunteer training classes in chainsaw certification and have held one to two sessions over the last couple of years. Mr. Chavez also said they are trying to increase management on volunteerism by going to either a strictly volunteer program or entering into participating

agreements with clubs or organizations. A short discussion ensued regarding various types of volunteer programs.

In closing, Mr. Chavez invited the Commissioners, staff and members of the public to participate in their United Trails Day Volunteer project on October 12, 2014.

Ms. Mick reported on the following:

- She highlighted the checkerboard nature of land ownership within the Tahoe National Forest.
- She provided a brief update on the King fire.
- The Tahoe National Forest, in collaboration and partnership with the Blue Ribbon Coalition and Quiet Warrior Racing, hosted the Annual OHV Ranger Ride and Natural Resource Discussion event on October 28-30, 2014, in the Foresthill area.
- The Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests are revising their Forest Land and Resource Management Plans. She encouraged everyone interested in recreating on National Forests to participate in the public comment opportunities.
- She reported no movement on HR 4886—a federal bill introduced on June 18, 2014. The bill responds to the Government Accountability Office audit on the Forest Service trail system and trail maintenance that found a huge backlog of deferred maintenance. Of the 158,000 miles of trail, the National Forest Service has the ability to maintain only about one-quarter of the trail system.
- Due to the settlement agreement resulting from the OSV Grooming Program litigation, the Lassen, Plumas, Tahoe, Eldorado, and Stanislaus National Forests will be going through a NEPA process and issuing Environmental Impact Statements regarding the Program. She encouraged everyone interested in winter recreation to attend meetings and provide public comment during the process.
- She reported that R.J. Poff & Associates collected enough data for viable results and analysis of the Wet Weather Management Strategy Study. An overview of the report may be ready for the next Commission meeting.

In response to Commissioner Lueder's inquiry, Ms. Mick stated the Forest Service has BMPs (best management practices) for trails less than 50 inches but nothing that is specific to trails greater than 50 inches. The Wet Weather Management Strategy Study is being conducted to address this deficiency.

Commissioner Cabral expressed concerns regarding the lack of OHV areas being displayed on maps resulting from the Forest Plan Revisions process. He also mentioned the documents do not include mitigation for fire damage to OHV facilities, restoration of damaged trails and installation of proper blockades, or providing basic facilities like bathrooms.

With regard to Wet Weather Management and Best Practices Polices, he suggested the Forest Service utilize technology that could provide closure information to the public in a timely manner.

In response to comments about the Forest Plan meetings, Ms. Mick stated that the team is reviewing and adjusting the meeting format in order to incorporate different methodologies to provide more effective public interaction opportunities.

Ms. Mick confirmed Wet Weather Management could provide a more field-based ground-sensitive method of closing trails while protecting the soil resources.

AGENDA ITEM V (B) – PROGRAM REPORTS – BLM

Jane Arteaga, OHV Travel Management Lead, BLM, reported that the Marines are installing boundary signage in Johnson Valley. They do not anticipate using the area for any training exercises in 2015.

Este Stifel, Central California District Manager, BLM, reported on the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) Director's Protest Resolution Report. Three issues set forth in the Commission's protest letter were recognized as part of the Protest Resolution process:

1. Limit access to wetter winter months rather than permanent closure of the ACEC;
2. Implement management practices that would significantly reduce risk while allowing OHV use on the property; and
3. Wetter winter months provide ideal riding conditions and minimize risks.

The BLM's goals related to the protest issues referenced in the Commission's letter were to minimize asbestos exposure, reduce asbestos emissions, and designate areas in the CCMA for motorized/mechanized and non-motorized/non-mechanized recreational opportunities. The protest resolution included the following:

1. Focus on prudent resource use allocations to protect natural and cultural resources and provide for safe public access;
2. Establish route designations designed to minimize user impacts to the environment and public health;
3. Use the best available data to make decisions; and
4. Work with future information that would lead to re-evaluations of, and possible changes to, routes and area designations.

Ms. Arteaga announced that the Third Annual Youth Conference would be held at California State University, Sacramento on November 4, 2014. Participants include the OHMVR Division Outreach Team and the U.S. Forest Service.

She acknowledged Jim Keeler's contributions to the BLM and OHV recreation. In 2011, Mr. Keeler initiated a 110-mile survey of the PCT in order to identify OHV trespass. Phase 2 of the project divided the PCT into three regions and made Region 2—the area from the Tehachapi/Willow Springs to Highway 138—a priority for restoration due to the concentrated points of OHV trespass. The BLM plans to develop an overall Strategic Plan for the PCT and adjacent lands that would include law enforcement, education, and rehabilitation.

Beth Boyst, Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Program Manager, USFS, thanked everyone for their continued support to help resolve the PCT issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Tyson Davis, Sheriff's Commander, Kern County Sheriff's Office
- Diana Mead, California Off-Road Vehicle Association
- Dave Pickett, District 36 Motorcycle Sports Committee
- Don Amador, Blue Ribbon Coalition and Quiet Warrior Racing
- John Stewart, California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs
- Amy Granat, Managing Director, California Off-Road Vehicle Association
- Nick Haris, American Motorcyclist Association

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE USFS AND BLM REPORTS

Comment was heard from the following individual:

- John Stewart, California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs

AGENDA ITEM V (B) – PROGRAM REPORTS – BLM (CONTINUED)

A brief discussion ensued regarding the history of the PCT and the need for continued communication and cooperation among all groups.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Johnson Valley. Ms. Arteaga confirmed that public meetings are being held regarding the development plan for the area. She also said the Marines and BLM are working on the permit process for the 2015 King of the Hammers event.

AGENDA ITEM V (C) – PROGRAM REPORTS – STATE OF NEVADA OHV PROGRAM

Greg McKay, Chair, Nevada OHV Commission, presented a brief overview of the State of Nevada OHV Program.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (1) – CARB RED STICKER REGULATION UPDATE

Jim Watson, Manager, California Air Resources Board (CARB), provided an update on the Red Sticker Off-Highway Motorcycle (OHMC) Assessment project. In July 2013, CARB directed staff to conduct an assessment and evaluate exhaust and evaporative

emissions from red sticker motorcycles. At the May 2, 2014, Commission meeting, CARB staff presented an overview of the Red Sticker Program and described the testing and survey elements for the assessment.

Five new red sticker OHMCs have been procured for exhaust emissions testing. CARB staff will continue to work with dealers to procure additional models for testing. After receiving 63 responses from mailed rental solicitations for in-use OHMCs, four models were procured for testing. Mr. Watson presented a chart summarizing the characteristics of the new and in-use OHMCs that CARB would like to test or have already tested. Two- and four-stroke OHMCs with carbureted and fuel-injected systems would be included in the testing process.

The primary purpose of exhaust testing is to compare red sticker emissions to existing green sticker exhaust emissions standards for hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide. Emissions of criteria pollutants including nitrogen dioxide and potentially, particulate matter, as well as greenhouse gases, such as methane and CO₂, would also be measured and evaluated. All testing is performed on a chassis dynamometer following federal test procedures.

Mr. Watson presented a chart showing the results for hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide testing on five new and one in-use OHMC. He stated that when testing has been completed, CARB staff would have a better understanding on whether any currently available red sticker bikes meet the current exhaust standards for hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide.

The survey has been delayed because staff responsible for handling the sensitive DMV data needed training on safeguarding the data. A vendor change from CSU Sacramento to UC Davis also contributed to the delay. To maintain transparency, the survey is co-branded with Parks and CARB logos and, as an incentive for completing the survey, participants would receive a free SVRA Day Use Pass.

The updated timeline for the project is as follows:

- Survey begins in November 2014 and ends July 2015
- Exhaust testing completed by January 2015
- Conduct public workshops to discuss testing and assessment results in March 2015
- Update CARB's Board in April 2015

Mr. Watson stated that the data collected from the assessment would form CARB's emissions-reduction strategy for OHVs while taking into consideration existing emissions standards and opportunities for reduction of currently unregulated pollutants.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the procurement of additional OHMCs for testing. For clarification, Mr. Watson provided a brief history of the red and green sticker program and the existing statewide rule on emissions. An additional discussion ensued

regarding the survey and the importance of determining whether the OHMCs are ridden in ozone non-attainment or attainment areas.

In response to Commissioner Murphy's inquiry, Mr. Watson stated that OHVs in California ranked fifth on the list of largest polluters (in total tons per day) as published in the 2007 Air Quality Almanac. He further stated that exhaust emissions occur when the vehicle is operating and evaporative emissions occur when the vehicle is stored.

Commissioner Cabral provided a brief description of the difference between two- and four-stroke engines. Mr. Watson confirmed CARB staff would probably look at a fleet average when they develop their regulation strategy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CARB RED STICKER REGULATION UPDATE

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Nick Haris, American Motorcyclist Association
- Dave Pickett, District 36 Motorcycle Sports Committee
- Diana Mead, California Off-Road Vehicle Association
- John Stewart, California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs

AGENDA ITEM V (D) – DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Deputy Director Conlin thanked staff from Kings Beach State Recreation Area and the Tahoe National Forest for hosting the meeting. He spoke about the King fire and acknowledged the dedication of the staff working on containment of the fire. With regard to Johnson Valley, he stated that staff from the Department of Interior and the Department of the Navy toured the Company Objective Areas, and that the Marine Corps has committed to permitting the 2015 King of the Hammers event.

Deputy Director Conlin asked Connie Latham, State Parks DRECP Project Coordinator, to provide an update on the status of the DRECP. After a brief overview of the project, Ms. Latham stated that the formal release of the DRECP on September 26, 2014, kicked off the 106-day public comment period. An informational webinar to help the public navigate the document was being posted on the drecp.org website. Numerous public meetings have also been scheduled to provide opportunities for the public to submit comments. Ms. Latham referenced the Public Participation Fact Sheet that contains information on how to access the DRECP Gateway—a web-based mapping tool. She also spoke about the fact sheet that summarizes the five action alternatives and one fact sheet about the Preferred Alternative.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the maps on the DRECP Gateway.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (2) – BUDGET UPDATE

Maria Mowrey, OHMVR Division Administrative Chief, provided a budget update recapping the following items:

- Governor Brown's 2014/15 budget was approved on June 20, 2014.
- All special loans to the General Fund will be paid back by FY 2016/17.
- Half of the FY 2009/10 \$22 million loan from the OHV Trust Fund will be paid back by June 2015 (FY 2014/15); the remainder will be paid back by June 2016 (FY 2015/16).

A short discussion ensued regarding loan repayments and the OHMVR Division budget and how it relates to the 2018 sunset clause. In response to concerns about budget shortfalls, Deputy Director Conlin stated that the Division has to rethink its revenue generation strategy. He confirmed that the current capital outlay projects would not occur on an annual basis and there are no future plans for large acquisitions.

Ms. Mowrey confirmed that SB 853 requires CalTrans to complete a new the fuel tax study, and SB 742 specifies how the OHMVR Division can spend its money. SB 742 also dictates the percentage of funds that are allocated to the OHV Trust Fund from motor vehicle taxes.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the new San Andreas District that includes Hollister Hills SVRA and Hungry Valley SVRA. The Eastern Kern County property will also become part of this District after the acquisition process has been finalized.

Three Support Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) were approved in the 2014/15 budget year: the Hollister Hills Trails Project, the Hungry Valley Special Use Area at Quail Canyon, and support funding for the Eastern Kern County acquisition.

In response to Commissioner Villegas' inquiry, Ms. Mowrey stated that the \$11 million budget for the San Andreas District combines the former allocations for Hungry Valley and Hollister Hills SVRAs, and includes funds approved for the three BCPs. She also confirmed there were no changes in staff at Hungry Valley and Hollister Hills SVRAs, but staff would be added for the Kern County property after the acquisition has been finalized.

In response to Commissioner Cabral's inquiry, Deputy Director Conlin confirmed the \$10 million redirect remains unchanged.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (3) – GRANTS PROGRAM UPDATE

OHMVR Division Grant Administrator, George MacDougall, provided the following Grants Program update:

- A total of \$34,985,607¹ in grant funding was awarded for the 2013/14 grants cycle.
- The Intent to Award document was posted on the Division's website on June 2, 2014 [the awards became final on July 3, 2014].

¹ Amount in minutes is correct. A notation has been added to the transcript.

- Grants staff is working with the successful applicants to complete Project Agreements.
- The 2014/15 grants cycle will begin on January 12, 2015.²
- Grants staff will attend the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts to promote the Grants Program.
- Two development and restoration projects in the Baldy Mesa Area, San Bernardino National Forest, have been approved pending further CEQA.

In response to Commissioner Villegas' inquiry, Mr. MacDougall said the additional \$10 million allocation for the Grants Program was due to a rollover in funds from a previous year.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (4) (a) – PLANNING AND ACQUISITION UPDATE – SVRA GENERAL PLANS

OHMVR Division Planning Manager, Dan Canfield, provided the following update on the SVRA General Plans:

- Three SVRAs are currently in the process of updating their General Plans—Carnegie, Ocotillo Wells, and Prairie City.
- The Draft Planning Alternatives document for the Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan was presented at multiple workshops and posted on the website in the winter and spring of 2014. The Planning Team is currently drafting the Preferred Alternative. Mr. Canfield anticipates the release of the Preferred Alternative to occur in December 2014.

In response to Commissioner Villegas' inquiry regarding the background of survey participants, Mr. Canfield stated that one component of the survey asks for the participant's zip code.

In response to Commissioner Lueder's inquiry, Mr. Canfield stated that the Planning Team is currently drafting the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Carnegie SVRA General Plan. They anticipate publishing the Draft General Plan and Draft EIR for public comment in the fall of 2014. Based on that timeframe and the number and complexity of the comments, the General Plan could come before the Commission by mid-calendar year 2015.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (4) (b) – PLANNING AND ACQUISITION UPDATE – HUNGRY VALLEY SVRA PROPOSED ACQUISITION

Dan Canfield, OHMVR Division Planning Manager, provided the following update on the Hungry Valley SVRA proposed acquisition:

² Date in minutes is correct. A notation has been added to the transcript.

- The proposed acquisition encompasses approximately 845 acres of privately owned land in southern Kern County contiguous with the northern border of the SVRA near Gorman and Frazier Park.
- On June 25, 2014, a public hearing was held in Frazier Park.
- On July 31, 2014, Chair Slavik and OHMVR Division and Hungry Valley SVRA staff attended the El Tejon Unified School District Board meeting.
- In October 2014, the proposed acquisition was going before the Public Works Board—the official government body that approves state agency acquisitions.

In response to Commissioner Cabral’s inquiry, Mr. Canfield stated that currently the property does not provide authorized motorized access to the Los Padres National Forest.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (4) (c) – PLANNING AND ACQUISITION UPDATE – EASTERN KERN COUNTY PROPOSED ACQUISITION

Dan Canfield, OHMVR Division Planning Manager, provided the following update on the Eastern Kern County Proposed Acquisition:

- The proposed acquisition consists of approximately 25,000 acres of privately owned land in eastern Kern County.
- The state is currently in discussions with the property owners regarding a fair market value for the property.
- Once acquired, the property would be managed as part of the San Andreas District.

A discussion ensued regarding shared management of the lands and the status of the General Plan for Red Rock Canyon State Park.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (5) – OUTREACH UPDATE

Greg Schumaker, OHMVR Division Training and Safety Coordinator, presented the following Outreach and Safety Training update:

- The Outreach Team made over 90,000 contacts during the 17-day California State Fair.
- The Outreach Team also participated in the Little League Intermediate World Series event held in Livermore.
- A brief overview of the outreach efforts at the eight SVRAs was presented.
- From January to September 2014, the OHMVR Division and SVRA Outreach Teams made contact with more than 250,000 people.
- To date, 140 OHV safety training classes have been held at various locations throughout the state with approximately 440 students trained on ATVs, dirt bikes and ROVs.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (6)– LEGISLATION UPDATE

Tina Williams, OHMVR Division Public Relations, presented the following Legislation update:

- SB 853 – Fuel Tax Initiative was signed by the Governor and became law on June 24, 2014. It requires CalTrans to conduct a new fuel tax study during FY 2014/15. The report is due to the State Legislature on January 1, 2016.
- SB 1289 – Did not meet Legislative Committee deadlines.
- SB 1450 – Did not meet Legislative Committee deadlines.
- AB 1835 – The Governor signed the ROV Helmet Exemption law on September 16, 2014.
- HR 1776 – Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act: Subcommittee hearings were held on May 20, 2014. The bill is still pending.
- HR 4886 – National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act has been referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

In response to Commissioner Lueder’s inquiry, Tom Bernardo, OHMVR Division staff, stated that CalTrans would be funding the Fuel Tax Study, and would have access to DMV data collected by the California Energy Commission. Deputy Director Conlin confirmed that CalTrans would use the same formulas and algorithms used in the last study—only the data is being updated in this study. In response to Commissioner Murphy’s inquiry, Deputy Director Conlin confirmed the OHMVR Division is working with Caltrans and other partners to ensure Caltrans gets the data needed for the study.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (7)– LAW ENFORCEMENT/SAFETY UPDATE

Mike Howard, OHMVR Division Superintendent II, presented the following Law Enforcement / Safety update:

- Law Enforcement staff deployed to the Rubicon Trail nearly every weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- The PCT panels have been sent to the vendor for production. Letters requesting permission to install the panels on private property were sent to 17 landowners.
- Law enforcement staff completed eight site visits to law enforcement grant recipients during the past month. Approximately 24 additional site visits are planned for the next few months.
- The 2014 update to the OHV Law Enforcement Quick Code Book is in the final stages of review.

In response to Commission Lueder’s inquiry about law enforcement staff, Mr. Howard stated Mark Hada, Superintendent III, is scheduled to join the OHMVR Division on October 1, 2014. Deputy Director Conlin reported that the Division would also re-advertise a Superintendent II position.

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (7)– PREVIEW OF POTENTIAL COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2015

Deputy Director Conlin asked the Commission to tentatively select a number of possible dates for the 2015 Commission meetings. A brief discussion ensued on whether or not the Commission meetings should be held on Thursday/Friday or Friday/Saturday. Concerns were raised about sequestration and the possibility that federal agencies would not be able to participate if the meetings were held on Saturdays. Lack of public participation at weekday meetings was also discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- John Stewart, California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs
- Dave Pickett, District 36 Motorcycle Sports Committee

AGENDA ITEM V (D) (7) – PREVIEW OF POTENTIAL COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2015 (CONTINUED)

The following tentative dates were selected for the 2015 Commission meetings. (Thursday, Friday and Saturday dates were selected to provide options in the event the Commission opted to move the meetings to a Friday/Saturday schedule.):

- January, 29, 30, 31
- March 19, 20, 21
- April 30, May 1, 2
- September 24, 25, 26
- October 22, 23, 24
- December 3, 4, 5

Final selection of the 2015 Commission meeting dates will be decided at the December 2014 meeting.

After a brief discussion regarding the location for the December 2014 meeting, a motion to hold the meeting at Oceano Dunes SVRA was made by Vice Chair Pérez and seconded by Commissioner Murphy.

Vice Chair Pérez adjourned the meeting at 3:38 pm.