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**STAFF REPORT:** NYPUM Program Update  
**STAFF:** Don Schmidt, State Park Interpreter I (RA)  
**SUBJECT:** NYPUM Proud Partnership Agreement

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**Summary**

For over two years, the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division has been working toward a Proud Partnership Agreement with the National Youth Program Using Minibikes (NYPUM). The goal is to mentor at-risk children of under-served communities at our State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) through local community youth organizations. We are now nearing the goal of signing a Memorandum of Agreement, and are moving forward with long-range planning and implementation the program.

**Discussion**

In July 2016, Commissioner Paul Slavik proposed entering into a Proud Partnership Agreement with NYPUM, which is sponsored by Honda North America. This agreement, along with changes to current legal authority, will allow youth mentoring groups who are part of the NYPUM program to use SVRAs to promote and further the mentoring of at-risk youth who live near off-highway vehicle parks.

The NYPUM organization has been promoting youth mentoring for nearly 50 years in other parts of the country, but has only had a very small presence in California, and never within the California State Parks. Since a main component of the NYPUM program is to utilize trail bikes provided by Honda to promote their mentoring goals and the OHMVR Division is interested in furthering the Proud Partnership goals of California State Parks, it seems a logical next step to open our facilities to these youth groups to develop leaders of the future.

The initial goal of this revenue-neutral program is reach two large at-risk youth populations in California by providing the facilities of Hungry Valley SVRA and Prairie City SVRA to local NYPUM organizations. In addition to their long running program in

El Centro, NYPUM staff has begun recruiting youth organizations in Los Angeles, Bakersfield, and the Sacramento area to move toward this goal. In April 2018, five California State Parks staff members from both Hungry Valley and Prairie City were trained as Certified NYPUM Instructors in order to better understand the program and facilitate the use of parks.

This is a very unique partnership for State Parks, and as such, has required extensive discussions between the NYPUM leadership, OHMVR Division staff, our Partnership and Legal teams, and Honda North America to get the agreement correct. We feel that we are within a very short time-frame of signing this agreement and announcing this unique partnership. We look forward to working with NYPUM in our parks to help develop the leaders of the future.

**Commission Action**

For information only.

**Attachments**

None