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**STAFF REPORT:** General Plans Update  
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**SUBJECT:** Status of General Plans for State Vehicular Recreation Areas

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**Summary**

Two State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) are in the process of updating their park general plans. In addition, the Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan, which has OHV components, is underway. A general plan directs the long-range development and management of a park unit by providing broad policy and program guidance. This guidance is essential to the SVRA managers and staff and is of value to those organizations and individuals who have an interest in the SVRA.

**Discussion**

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5002.2, California State Parks is generally required to prepare general plans for units of the State Park System (e.g., SVRAs) prior to the development of new facilities that require a permanent commitment of resources. A table identifying the status of the SVRA general plans is provided as an attachment to this report (see Attachment 1).

Following is a brief summary of recent SVRA general plan developments.

**Ocotillo Wells SVRA:**

The Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan team, in collaboration with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) El Centro Field Office staff, is preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the project. This document addresses potential environmental impacts of the Ocotillo Wells SVRA Plan, proposed alternatives, and potential mitigation measures.

To ensure compliance with both state and federal land management policies, the long-term land management plan for Ocotillo Wells SVRA will be comprised of:

- a California State Park unit General Plan,
- a BLM Recreation Area Management Plan, and
- a California Desert Conservation Area Land Use Plan Amendment.

Related projects:

Ocotillo Wells SVRA staff will begin gathering data towards developing a Road and Trail Management Plan. This planning effort will tier off the completed general plan.

***Hungry Valley SVRA:***

The Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan team created a project website at [www.PlanHungryValley.com](http://www.PlanHungryValley.com) to facilitate public involvement in the planning process. Interested parties should visit the project website and register to receive email notifications regarding project progress.

The first public meetings were held in Ventura and Newhall on February 15 and 16, 2017 and in Frazier Park and Bakersfield on February 22 and 23, 2017. The planning team received feedback from members of 4x4 and motorcycle clubs, Los Angeles County Park and Recreation, Angeles National Forest, OHMVR Commissioner Paul Slavik, Friends of Jawbone, and interested OHV recreationists. The next opportunity to provide input will be for the discussion of draft guiding statements and draft planning concepts.

The planning team met in April 2018 to discuss issues, concerns, opportunities, and constraints to be addressed during the planning process. This information will help guide the planning process and provide the baseline for developing alternatives for site use.

Related Planning Efforts:

The Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan Update restarted in January 2018. The Department has taken on the planning effort with both State Park and OHMVR Division planners leading the project. The General Plan team is updating the project schedule, tasks, and outreach efforts. The team is meeting with stakeholders, agencies, and conducting tribal consultation. Biological and cultural surveys are also ongoing.

Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA began work on a Road and Trail Management Plan at an internal kick-off meeting in May 2018.

**Commission Action**

For information only.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1: SVRA General Plans Update – June 2018

**CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS**

**OHMVR DIVISION**

State Vehicular Recreation Area General Plans Update  
June 2018

Park Unit	Adopted	Amended	General Plan (GP) Status & Updates in Progress
Prairie City SVRA	2016 1991		Approved by the OHMVR Commission September 2016
Carnegie SVRA	2016 1981		Approved by the OHMVR Commission October 2016
Clay Pit SVRA	2012	-	Approved by the OHMVR Commission June 2012.
Heber Dunes SVRA	2011	-	Approved by the OHMVR Commission December 2011.
Hollister Hills SVRA	1978	2003	-
Oceano Dunes SVRA	1975	1991	-
Hungry Valley SVRA	1981	-	GP update in progress. Visitor Surveys and Stakeholder Meeting conducted in 2016. First public meetings held Feb 2017.
Ocotillo Wells SVRA	1981	-	EIR/EIS review in process. GP update in progress including newly acquired properties. GP update includes federal component in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management.
Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA	-	-	Road and Trail Management Plan project began May 2018.