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Project: 7- Double Vaulted Restrooms
Unit: Hungry Valley SVRA
Estimate: \$300,000
Type of Project: Code Compliance

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will replace (7) existing vault toilet structures, with (7) double vaulted restroom buildings at the following locations: Cottonwood Campground, Lower Scrub Campground, Upper Scrub Campground, Sterling Campground, Alikilik and (2) units at Smith Forks Campground. This project will include the design and construction of ADA parking and access. The prefabricated units will be purchased through a vendor, and installed by district staff.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

In 2004 Hungry Valley SVRA had an annual visitation of 545,000. The (7) existing vault toilets are located in the staging and camping areas specifically located in heavy use areas of the park. The existing vault toilets are the first of its generation available in the early 1980's. They are constructed of concrete block stacked one on top of the other and then filled with concrete from the top. During the annual inspection of the facilities at Hungry Valley it was discovered the vaults had developed cracks because of age and seismic activity. The cracks in the vaults cause leaking of their contents into the ground and is a direct violation of LA County Water Quality Act. In addition to the deterioration of the vaults the structures do not meet the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards required by Title 24, California's Uniform Building Code for space inside the toilet area, parking and access. The vent stacks were poorly designed and do not provide adequate ventilation which in turn holds the odors of the vaults inside the toilet area. Because of the smell visitors to Hungry Valley sometimes use surrounding vegetation as a bathroom.

Alternatives: Take no action and be in violation of LA County Clean Water Act and violation of American with Disability Act (ADA), Title 24. The facility risks being shut down and the Division may be fined until the work in this request is completed.

This project is consistent with the General Plan for Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area.