

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

Fairfield Inn & Suites
503 E. Danenberg Drive
El Centro, CA 92243

MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2011 – Approved

OHMVR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Eric Lueder, Chair
Breene Kerr
Kane Silverberg
Paul Slavik
Gary Willard

OHMVR DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Daphne Greene, Deputy Director, OHMVR Division
Phil Jenkins, Chief, OHMVR Division
Tim La Franchi, Legal Counsel, OHMVR Division
Brian Robertson, Superintendent, OHMVR Division
Jared Zucker, Park and Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Kathy Dolinar, District Superintendent, Ocotillo Wells District
Kirk Shea, Sector Superintendent, Ocotillo Wells District
Vic Herrick, Supervising Ranger, Heber Dunes SVRA
Jason De Wall, Sector Superintendent, Twin Cities District

AGENDA ITEM I

Call To Order – 9:02 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Five members of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission (“Commission”) were present at time of roll call. Brad Franklin, Diana Perez, and Stan Van Velsor were absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM II

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Slavik and seconded by Commissioner Willard.
Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Silverberg and seconded by Commissioner Slavik to approve the draft minutes of the October 14, 2011 Commission meeting.

Commission discussion: Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the summary minutes provided by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (“Division”).

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM IV

REPORTS

A. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner Slavik was pleased to announce the meeting of the Education Advisory Committee held at Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area’s (SVRA) Environmental Training Center. He is looking forward to creating an effective statewide education curriculum.

In response to Commissioner Slavik’s inquiry regarding progress since the meeting, Deputy Director Greene shared that the Advisory Group had met and had a very productive first meeting. However, by the end of the meeting it was agreed that before the group could continue its work, it would be helpful to convene a couple of focus groups in order to gather more information regarding off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation, safety compliance, different land issues in the state, and people’s concerns on avenues that may be impinging of their freedoms. The Division is working with representatives of the community on how to implement the focus groups and plans to start having meetings beginning the first of the year.

Commission Slavik solemnly recognized Dave Oakleaf of District 37 who was tragically killed on November 2nd. He acknowledged the great loss to the “family” of the OHV community and on the large attendance at the memorial service where over half of the people came wearing their club colors and gear in recognition of Mr. Oakleaf’s longstanding contributions to responsible OHV recreation. Mr. Oakleaf was instrumental in helping to bring back the Catalina Grand Prix. Deputy Director Greene acknowledged Dave, his being a member of the California Roundtable Stakeholders Group, an advocate on behalf of the OHV community, and in particular, on issues relating to sound. A commemorative video was viewed.

B. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Bob Hamm, Director of Intergovernmental Relations for Imperial County, warmly welcomed the Commission to El Centro. He distributed copies of OHV Guides to the Valley that were produced by Imperial County using in lieu funds.

1. General Program Update

Deputy Director Greene welcomed everyone to the Commission meeting. She recognized and thanked the Ocotillo Wells District staff for a wonderful tour of Heber Dunes SVRA. A slide show capturing the highlights of the tour was presented to the Commission and the audience.

Jason De Wall, Sector Superintendent for the Twin Cities District, gave an update on the staff-hosted Visitor Appreciation Days held at Prairie City and Carnegie SVRAs. During the events, they highlight their public and private partnerships and invite the public to participate in the events at no charge. Raffles are held, vendors donate products, clubs have booths, and volunteers perform free sound testing. It is also an opportunity to educate the public and give pointers and tips.

On October 16th, approximately 800 visitors participated in the second annual event at Prairie City SVRA, which was up from last years' attendance of 450. 18 vendors participated. While the four-wheel drive area is not completely finished, some portions are open and many of the clubs gave demonstrations. On October 23rd, approximately 1,500 visitors came to the first annual event for Carnegie SVRA; 30 vendors participated.

Commissioner Kerr stressed the importance of being able to communicate with visitors to the parks whether it be through a voluntary registration program or emails. Commissioner Slavik said he would like to see the Division invite members of the legislature and their staff to the Environmental Training Center at Prairie City on a regular basis throughout the year.

Kathy Dolinar, Superintendent for the Ocotillo Wells District, passed out their first Annual Visitor Guide and gave a brief update on Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Halloween weekend is the start of the busy season, and the past weekend was very busy. The new 4x4 area has been a huge hit with visitors. Trail realignments and grooming of the trails, as well as improved trail signage, appears to have helped reduce the number of accidents.

District Superintendent Dolinar continued highlighting some of the recent facility improvements including repurposing of restrooms from another park and the installation of nine new CXTs by the first of the year. In addition, she explained the success of the CXT installed at Pumpkin Patch in meeting the needs of visitors and the subsequent staffing time required to maintain service.

Addressing Commissioner Kerr's earlier inquiry about a database to track interpretive program participation, District Superintendent Dolinar indicated the Ocotillo Wells District does track program participation and encouraged Commissioner Kerr to visit the park. In her time at Ocotillo Wells. District Superintendent Dolinar feels the park is now

operating the best it ever has with all the improvements to infrastructure, although it will be a greater challenge as State Parks reduces funding.

Commissioner Kerr asked if Ocotillo Wells works with a non-profit, and if so, the types of activities in which they're involved. District Superintendent Dolinar responded that The Friends of Ocotillo Wells is a small association that helps fund events and purchase consumptive items for programs, but they don't organize any events. Instead Ocotillo Wells partners with clubs within the off-road community like the San Diego Off-Road Coalition who organizes the Lost Lizard Run. Funds raised during the event are shared between the associations.

Commissioner Kerr followed up by asking if any definable projects are on hold because of budget considerations. District Superintendent Dolinar replied that due to the success of the new 4x4 area, the motorcycle community requested a similar specially designed course. Commissioner Silverberg revisited the request for a motorcycle specific course. District Superintendent Dolinar said that since the installation of the new 4x4 course people have been requesting both trials and endurocross courses. She indicated the park will continue to work with other partners like the county and the local trash company for funding opportunities.

Next, Chief Jenkins gave an update of the Hungry Valley SVRA shooting incident that happened on November 21st. Because the case is ongoing and prosecution pending, Chief Jenkins could not provide much information, but stated that due to State Park Department policy regarding an officer involved shooting, an outside agency must conduct the investigation, In this case the L.A. County Sheriff's Department is conducting the investigation.

Chief Jenkins provided a summary of the incident and said the District Attorney has filed charges against the suspect for attempted homicide against a peace officer. The outcome of the case will likely take years with trials and lawsuits. At the same time, State Parks is conducting its own administrative investigation to ensure the officers and their families are taken care of. Everyone is grateful the officers involved in the shooting were not injured.

Specific details could not be discussed, but Chief Jenkins answered a few general questions.

Deputy Director Greene said the incident could have been much worse and she praised the officers for their professionalism.

Commissioner Kerr asked some general questions about Hungry Valley SVRA including visitation, facilities offered, and the land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service.

Deputy Director Greene provided some background on the project, which involves a land exchange between the SVRA and the U.S. Forest Service. The agencies have been working on the project since 1977, and are closer to completion than ever before. It is challenging because the property values must be within 25% of each other for the U.S. Forest Service to make the exchange. Commissioner Slavik added that this is a unique opportunity so close to L.A. with the SVRA being adjacent to U.S. Forest Service

land and that there is nothing like it in Southern California. Commissioner Kerr agreed that facility expansion and improvements to Hungry Valley should be made a top priority.

2. Legislation Update

No oral staff report was given.

3. Public Safety Update

Superintendent Brian Robertson spoke briefly about an upcoming law enforcement training on January 25th and 26th sponsored by the Division. Eight law enforcement agencies in the Clear Lake area, three of which are new to receive grant funding, will have the opportunity to learn about the Division's OHV management philosophy in addition to segments about sound monitoring and vehicle identification sticker placement. Superintendent Robertson followed up on an item brought up at the October Commission meeting regarding the Eldorado National Forest. Sound training was available to the agency at the end of January, but the U.S. Forest Service expressed an interest to attend in April instead. He then introduced OHMVR Staff Jared Zucker for an update on the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) Pilot Program.

a. Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association Pilot Program

Jared Zucker introduced himself and described his role in helping to coordinate OHV safety training for the public, as well as SVRA and Division staff. He spoke about an exciting opportunity that took place for the Division to partner with ROHVA to pilot their public training program at Prairie City SVRA from October 21-28. He provided some background regarding the increased popularity of recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), speculated as to why they are so popular, and highlighted their recreational application and practical purposes. He finished his presentation by defining the Division's role, both legally and in accordance to Department policy, in the adoption and provision of OHV-specific training for the public as well as staff in order to promote safe and responsible vehicle operation on public lands.

The Commissioners discussed safety concerns and available training associated with ROVs amongst themselves and with staff. Commissioner Kerr had a number of questions regarding helmet requirements, how the requirements are different to those when riding an ATV or dirtbike, how the vehicles handle, age requirements for operation, the need for training, etc.

Mr. Zucker reiterated how the Division is being proactive by adding ROHVA as a new training partner along with the ATV Safety Institute and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Currently training is offered via four mechanisms: the public training program offered by the partners, public-drop in training facilitated by State Parks, internal staff training, and the Off-Highway PAL Program. He described the history of ROHVA and the structure of ROHVA's training program. The public and State Park staff will primarily be accessing ROHVA's basic ROV training course, the ROV DriverCourse. He described the three levels of the training program to train the first Chief Instructors, Instructors, and students. Twelve individuals from North America completed the chief course, six completed the instructor course (including one staff member from Oceano

Dunes SVRA as well as Prairie City SVRA); and six students, comprised of Division and Prairie City SVRA staff, completed the basic training course. According to Mr. Zucker, Prairie City SVRA was the perfect setting to debut the training program and ROHVA seeks to use the facility again in the first part of the next year to facilitate more training. Specifically, the new 4x4 obstacle course provided a great environment for training scenarios. Looking ahead, Mr. Zucker would like to identify other SVRA training sites suitable for the ROV training program and have at least one person from each SVRA trained as an ROV Instructor in order to facilitate staff and public training within the next year. In the next three to five years, he would like to have one State Park ROV Chief Instructor available for both Northern and Southern California in order to facilitate more instructor courses as needed.

The Commissioners had a number of general questions regarding ROVs including but not limited to: the legal requirements for ATV safety training vs. legal requirements for ROVs, where and how ROVs can be used on public lands, e.g single track trails, green sticker registration requirements, potential use conflicts, and the importance of good signage.

Chair Lueder thanked Mr. Zucker for his thorough presentation and then opened the public comment period of the meeting.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- John Stewart, California Association of 4WD Clubs
- Ed Waldheim, Friends of Jawbone; California Trail Users Coalition
- Jim Bramham, American Sand Association

C. BLM REPORT

Jim Keeler, BLM California State Office, OHV Coordinator, provided a general update. He introduced the new BLM Associate State Director, Angie Lara. Also, Steve Anderson, the Redding Field Office Manager retired last month, and Este Stifel has been named Central California District Manager, replacing Kathy Hardy who is now the Eldorado National Forest Supervisor.

Jim Keeler then introduced Margret Goodro, the BLM EI Centro Field Office Manager who welcomed the Commissioners to Imperial County. She provided an overview of the BLM EL Centro Field Office which manages approximately 1.5 million acres. The BLM EI Centro Field Office manages the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) in partnership with Imperial County Sheriffs Office, American Sand Association and United Desert Gateway. She spoke about the success of the safety programs at the dunes, and the importance of partnerships and educational/safety programs. In an area that receives well over one million visitors annually, there has been a 50% decrease in EMS calls over the last ten years.

Neil Hamada, BLM El Centro Dunes Manager, provided an overview of the BLM El Centro OHV recreation program. The Field Office manages approximately 1.5 million acres of land area primarily in Imperial County. This area included three OHV open areas; Imperial Sand Dunes - 83,000 acres, Placer City - 41,000 acres, and Superstition Mountain - 13,000 acres. The Field Office manages 3,486 miles of OHV routes and hosts 10-20 competitive events annually. Mr. Hamada discussed the importance of partnerships with American San Association, American Desert Foundation, and the Division. The Division provides grant funding for law enforcement, safety/education programs, and signage. The grant funding allowed BLM to provide ATV safety training to over 300 kids last year. Through a partnership with United Desert Gateway, an OHV Guide/Map is produced and distributed to visitors. A partnership with Kawasaki resulted in the donation of a UTV (ROV) which is available for campsite maintenance.

Neil Hamada, along with Sergeant Fowler of the Imperial County Sherriff's Office (ICSO), provided an overview and shared statistics for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend at the ISDRA.

He indicated the focus of the BLM is on safety and referenced back to 2001 when the New York Times reported "Glamis was the most illegal place in the world." Now with the great partnerships, families are returning to recreate at Glamis because it is safe.

The Commissioners asked a number of questions including the fee structure at ISDRA, the role of the non-profits, and the developments of facilities, and medical aid.

Commissioner Slavik thanked Mr. Hamada, who has worked at the ISDRA for 17 years, and is an incredible asset to the recreating public.

Field Manager Goodro gave a thorough explanation and responded to questions from the Commissioners regarding the special event permit process and cost recovery relative to the BLM El Centro Field Office. It is the BLM's desire to ensure events are safe and compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Commissioner Slavik commented that he speaks with nonprofit organizations that are being put out of business because of this cost recovery issue and the concerns that cost recovery could end competitive off-highway events altogether. Field Manager Goodro responded that for those events that exceed the 50 hour limit, there are a lot of costs associated with EMS plans, monitoring plans, etc. She went on to say that the BLM hosted 20 permitted events this past year, is glad to work with the organizations in developing events, and the BLM is determined to comply with the laws and ensure safety of those events.

Field Manager Goodro updated the Commissioners on the ISDRA Resource Management Plan (RMP) for which the Commission had submitted a comment letter. BLM was required to draft a new RMP due to a court order and hopes to have the new RMP released by early 2012.

Commissioner Silverberg asked if the new RMP will allow areas currently closed to OHV recreation to be opened. Field Manager Goodro indicated that is a possibility as long as a balance of recreation and resource protection can be achieved.

Chair Lueder thanked Field Manager Goodro for her presentation and opened the public comment period for the BLM Report.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following members of the public:

- Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
- Nicole Nicholas Gilles, American Sand Association
- Ed Waldheim, representing Friends of Jawbone, Friends of El Mirage, and the California Trail Users Coalition
- John Stewart, California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs

D. U.S. Forest Service Report

No report was provided by the U.S. Forest Service

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Lueder opened the public comment period of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Comments were heard from the following members of the public:

- Charla Teeters, United Desert Gateway
- Ed Waldheim representing Friends of Jawbone, Friends of El Mirage, and the California Trail Users Coalition
- Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
- John Stewart, California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs

In light of Ed Waldheim's and Terry Weiner's comments on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, Commissioner Willard asked Deputy Director Greene to comment on the SVRAs that could be impacted by the plan. Deputy Director Greene highlighted that DRECP is a state plan for renewable energy development in 22 million acres of the Southern California desert. The State Park units located in the proposed plan have been pulled out for consideration for development because they are legislatively protected. However, the map still shows 4,000 acres within Ocotillo Wells SVRA in the study area for development.

Chair Lueder concluded public comment.

Chair Lueder decided to skip ahead to Item V (B), the Commission Calendar, to provide Heber Dunes the opportunity to provide a seamless presentation after lunch.

AGENDA ITEM V

BUSINESS ITEMS

B. Commission Discussion and Approval of 2012 Meeting Dates

The statute requires the Commission hold at least four meetings per year. Deputy Director Greene spoke about various options the Commission may want to consider

such as holding weekend and/or night meetings to improve attendance. Depending on travel restrictions and budget constraints, staff might be limited in their ability to attend. She also discussed the implications of Commissioners' terms expiring and how she would like the Commission to try and meet at least one more time prior to March 15th, which is the date the Commissioners' terms expire. Commissioner Kerr wanted to know the dates for Commission input regarding the grants program.

There was extended discussion about various dates and times.

In response to Commissioner Slavik's question about whether a location for the meeting needed to be determined, Chair Lueder responded that identifying the dates took precedent over locations and that meetings should be held in the desert during winter months and in Northern California areas during the summer. He stressed location flexibility.

Chair Lueder proposed the following dates for the 2012 OHMVR Commission meetings:

- February 24 and 25
- April 27 and 28
- June 22 and 23
- September 14 and 15
- November 30 and December 1

Chair Lueder opened the meeting to public comment.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individual:

- Ed Waldheim, Friends of Jawbone, Friends of El Mirage, and the California Trail Users Coalition

A motion was made by Commissioner Willard and seconded by Commissioner Kerr to approve the proposed list of Commission meetings for 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Heber Dunes General Plan Presentation and Approval by Commission

Heber Dunes Sector Superintendent Kirk Shea introduced the item and provided a brief overview of Heber Dunes SVRA.

Supervising Ranger Vic Herrick provided a history of the establishment of Heber Dunes SVRA. He described park conditions and management challenges faced when he began working at the SVRA, including debris, vandalism, fires, accidents, and incompatible uses such as commercial beekeeping and hunting. Successful management responses have included restricting access points, nighttime closure, installing fire pits, providing trash cans and dumpsters, signage, and utilizing Superintendents Orders.

Ranger Herrick went on to describe the visitation characteristics at Heber Dunes SVRA, including usage and demographics. Visitation primarily consists of OHV recreationists during the cooler months of the year. The park is generally busy on the weekends, especially Sundays. The general demographic of visitors is mainly Hispanic family groups. ATVs are the primary vehicle type operated at Heber Dunes. He observed that the 24/7 presence of staff has minimized undesirable activities.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ranger Herrick and Sector Superintendent Shea observed that a substantial number of visitors only speak Spanish. Sector Superintendent Shea noted they have started the process of converting signage to Spanish, which requires waivers from the Department. Deputy Director Greene reiterated the challenges in balancing Department policy with providing appropriate messaging to visitors. The SVRA's Interpreter, Jamie Mendez, will soon be facilitating bilingual interpretive programs.

Michael Page, AECOM principal planner and project director, described the process for developing the general plan and accompanying environmental impact report (EIR). Beginning in 2009, general plan development included visitor surveys, resource evaluations, and development of the preferred plan with Division and public input. He outlined the public participation process, identified the key planning issues, and described the planning zones. The Heber Dunes SVRA General Plan is a policy-level document that takes into account near-term facility improvements.

Regarding the EIR process, the notice of preparation was issued in January 2010, the draft EIR was completed in August 2011, and public review ended October 10, 2011. Michael Page noted the EIR identified only one potential significant impact, which was for the burrowing owl. Mitigation was included in the EIR. He discussed the letters received during the public comment period and described the differences between the Draft EIR and the Final EIR. He described the remaining steps to completing the CEQA process.

The Commissioners then proceeded with questions and comments. Commissioner Silberberg asked if the EIR mentioned any dust issues. Michael Page provided the non-technical answer regarding a dust control plan. Bill Maddux, AECOM's air quality specialist, provided the technical answer regarding the SVRA's minor contribution to dust generation in Imperial County.

Commissioner Willard commended AECOM for a job well done and asked what happens after the general plan is approved and what would happen if the Commission did not approve the plan. Sector Superintendent Shea commented that the general plan is needed in order to provide permanent facilities and guide expansion of the park. Chief Jenkins added that a serious flaw in the plan would be corrected, and perhaps require recirculation of the EIR.

District Superintendent Dolinar commented that the general plan afforded an opportunity for the Commission to approve a document that will drive the management direction of the park for the next twenty to forty years. She added that managed recreation is much more effective than unmanaged.

Commissioner Willard asked how projects would be prioritized. Sector Superintendent Shea responded that the general plan is a broad based document that drives more specific plans. He noted that each year's funding, various opportunities, the state process, and the type of project would impact the decision to move forward with a specific project.

Commissioner Slavik followed up by asking what kind of timeline and funding would be available for near-term projects identified in the general plan and how the youth track would be affected by approval of the plan. Sector Superintendent Shea responded that some improvements should be completed within a year or two. He also discussed that the youth track would be evaluated for suitability in its current location. Deputy Director Greene commented on the timing of contracting for the projects.

Commissioner Slavik suggested acquiring the Caltrans land east of the canal sooner than later.

Commissioner Kerr suggested that the Commission provide guidance as to prioritizing projects and asked Deputy Director Greene if the money has been budgeted for the entire five million dollar project. Deputy Director Greene described the funding process and noted that construction drawings were complete. Commissioner Kerr followed by asking if funding has been identified to purchase the Caltrans land. Deputy Director Greene responded that the funding source was different, but that money is allocated for that acquisition. She also clarified that the general plan does not have to be approved for formal discussions with Caltrans to take place, but that the acquisition was a high priority. Commissioner Kerr asked if land use entitlements had been obtained. Legal Counsel Tim La Franchi responded that State Parks does not need local permits.

Commissioner Kerr brought up the possibility of allowing limited camping. Deputy Director Greene responded that current demand for camping was low but the retired community or people passing through might be interested. Regarding prioritization, she identified safety as number one and explained the needs of the visitors must be met.

Chief Jenkins added that once the general plan is approved, specific plans would be developed for trails, roads, etc., should the need arise.

Commissioner Slavik suggested a sign should be put on Interstate 8 to draw traffic to the park. Superintendent Shea responded that when the signs were going up Caltrans would only allow one sign. In the next year or two, his plan is to go back to Caltrans to get approval to put more up.

Commissioner Slavik asked if renewable resources will be considered for the park. Sector Superintendent Shea responded that solar panels are planned. Michael Page added that the general plan features a section on conservation measures and including LEED certification for buildings in the park. Commissioner Kerr asked questions regarding LEED certification. Chief Jenkins discussed plans for LEED certification.

Chair Lueder opened the meeting for public comment.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following members of the public:

- Ed Waldheim, Friends of Jawbone; California Trail Users Coalition
- John Stewart, California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs
- Jim Bramham, American Sand Association

Chair Lueder concluded public comment

Legal Counsel La Franchi and Deputy Director Greene explained proper language for approving the general plan – certification of the EIR, adoption of the MMRP, adoption of the CEQA findings of fact, and approval of the general plan – was in the resolution. Commissioner Willard made a formal motion to certify the EIR and general plan for Heber Dunes. Chair Lueder called for a vote. All approved, none opposed, and the motion carried. The general plan was approved and the EIR was certified with the associated documents.

C. Presentation of Public/Private Partnerships with the OHMVR Program

Chief Jenkins outlined some of the mechanisms where the Division engages in public/private partnerships. Partnerships between the Division and the private industry include concessions operations, such as the ATV concession at Oceano Dunes SVRA, and the maintenance of the Hangtown track at Prairie City SVRA, as well as the partnership between Oceano Dunes SVRA and the city of Grover Beach, where, through a Joint Powers Agreement, the city is building a lodge and conference center to be concessioned out to a private entity to recoup construction costs for the next fifty years.

Chief Jenkins described special events as opportunities to partner with private and non-profit entities. State Parks takes a percentage as cost recovery and can sometimes make money. Cooperating associations are another partnership opportunity used throughout the Department. He used Hollister Hills Off-Road Association and Ocotillo Wells as examples where the associations make money that can be used in the park for interpretation and other activities. He added that there are challenges in moving money from associations through the state system.

Commissioner Kerr had a number of questions regarding the role of land trusts and acquisitions, and the state process for acquisitions. He also asked about the Hangtown event and how it contributes to Prairie City SVRA, and suggested a similar event at Hollister Hills or other SVRAs with the intent to make money for the park. Chief Jenkins stated that making money for a park is possible through special events and described the cost recovery process.

Commissioner Silverberg commented that partnering with a club to host a special event to make money for the park is not really an option due to the small money making margin. He suggested using non-profit associations instead. Chief Jenkins agreed and said that would be in line with their mission and that associations would be better candidates for hosting special events to make money for parks.

Commissioner Kerr recommended staff review the Hangtown event to generate significant revenue. Chair Lueder asked if Commissioners Kerr and Silverberg would serve on a subcommittee to assist the Division in their investigation. Chair Lueder made a motion for the subcommittee, Commissioner Willard seconded the motion, the Commission voted, and the motion passed.

Chair Lueder opened the topic up for public comment. Comments were heard by the following members of the public.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following members of the public:

- John Stewart, California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs and as a member of Tierra Del Sol four wheel drive club.
- Ed Waldheim, Friends of Jawbone, Friends of El Mirage, and the California Trails Users Coalition

Commissioner Slavik described the San Bernardino National Forest Association and their success in partnering with State Parks in maintaining various land-use activities. He agreed with Ed Waldheim, that this should be the direction taken when partnering with non-profit organizations.

Conclusion:

Chair Lueder thanked everyone in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kerr, Commissioner Silverberg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Lueder adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.