OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Oroville, CA
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STAFF REPORT: Clay Pit SVRA General Plan

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SUBJECT: General Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report for the Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area

I. ISSUE

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division plans to improve and develop facilities within Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) to enhance recreational opportunities and protect natural and cultural resources. Prior to any such development, a general plan and environmental impact report (EIR) must be prepared for the park. Accordingly, the Clay Pit General Plan has been prepared, and is presented to the OHMVR Commission for approval.

Direction related to General Plans is provided in the California Public Resources Code:

PRC §5002.2. (a) Following classification or reclassification of a unit by the State Park and Recreation Commission, and prior to the development of any new facilities in any previously classified unit, the department shall prepare a general plan or revise any existing plan, as the case may be, for the unit.

The general plan shall consist of elements that will evaluate and define the proposed land uses, facilities, concessions, operation of the unit, any environmental impacts, and the management of resources, and shall serve as a guide for the future development, management, and operation of the unit.

The general plan constitutes a report on a project for the purposes of PRC §21100. The general plan for a unit shall be submitted by the department to the State Park and Recreation Commission for approval.

PRC §5090.15 (c) Whenever a reference is made to the State Park and Recreation Commission pertaining to a duty, power, purpose, responsibility, or jurisdiction of the State Park and Recreation Commission with respect to the state vehicular recreation areas, as established by this chapter, it is a reference to, and means, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission.
II. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Clay Pit General Plan will be the first General Plan for the park. The Clay Pit basin is a large, shallow, excavated depression that was formed when clay was mined and used to construct the Oroville Dam.

In 1981, State Parks entered into an agreement with Department of Fish and Game and Department of Water Resources, the land owners, to take over management of the Clay Pit site, previously known as “the impervious materials borrow area at Oroville Division.” The Agreement for Transfer to Department of Parks and Recreation of the Impervious Materials Borrow Area at Oroville Division was signed on January 22, 1981. The agreement gave State Parks the right to plan, develop, and administer real and personal property for the site as an OHV park, and the site was designated as an SVRA.

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Clay Pit SVRA is a 220-acre site that is used for off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreational use located in unincorporated Butte County southwest of the City of Oroville (Attachment A). Clay Pit SVRA is located in a large shallow depression (pit), formed when clay was mined for construction of the Oroville Dam. Clay Pit SVRA provides OHV recreation in a family-friendly atmosphere. The proposed General Plan outlines goals and guidelines that apply to the entire SVRA to address existing issues and to provide ongoing guidance for management of the park. The proposed General Plan will be implemented to achieve the long-term vision for Clay Pit SVRA to provide a safe and convenient place for individuals, families, and groups from the local and regional communities in the greater Oroville area to enjoy high-quality outdoor experiences.

In addition to long-range planning provided through the proposed General Plan, the plan includes a proposal to construct new headquarters facilities at the SVRA within the next several years. The proposed facilities would provide the improvements necessary for adequate administration, maintenance and operations, and enhanced recreation at Clay Pit SVRA. Proposed headquarters facilities include administrative offices, an entrance kiosk, a maintenance yard, and associated upgrading of utilities and roads.

**Declaration of Clay Pit SVRA Purpose**

The purpose of Clay Pit SVRA is to provide effectively managed, responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) and related recreational opportunities with recognition of the significance of Clay Pit SVRA to the local population. The unit’s relatively small size and unique outdoor recreational setting provide opportunities for various forms of OHV use, family and social gathering, and interpretive programs.
Clay Pit SVRA Vision

Clay Pit SVRA provides a safe and convenient place for individuals, families, and groups to enjoy an outdoor recreational setting. On any given day, visitors are able to take part in managed OHV recreation and other activities, and to enjoy the unique setting. Clay Pit SVRA’s natural and cultural history provides opportunities for education and interpretation. Clay Pit SVRA provides high quality outdoor experiences for both the local and regional community in the greater Oroville area already known for its extensive recreational activities.

General Plan Use Areas

Management zones or land use areas for Clay Pit SVRA have been developed to allow for specialized management by area (Attachment B). This General Plan defines three use areas: the Developed Use Area, the Open OHV Recreation Area, and the Drainage Management Area.

Developed Use Area

The primary management intent of the Developed Use Area is to accommodate the more intense uses and built facilities envisioned at Clay Pit SVRA. The Developed Use Area contains a paved parking lot, two shade ramadas, two picnic tables, one vault toilet, and one interpretive sign. Other types of built facilities such as paved access roads, water tanks, OHV tracks, and 4X4 obstacles could be located within the Developed Use Area. Headquarters facilities are proposed for construction in the Developed Use Area and will include a new entry off of Larkin Road, a headquarters building with an attached maintenance shop and maintenance yard, an entry kiosk, and an internal roadway connecting the new entry with the existing parking lot. A fuel station for gas and diesel may be installed in the maintenance yard for use by OHMVR Division vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs, and maintenance equipment that will be operated by staff.

Open OHV Recreation Area

The primary management intent of the Open OHV Recreation Area is to continue to provide informal open OHV recreation and trail use while preserving natural resources. Generally, this area will be left in its current state and will continue to be used for multipurpose OHV use. Facilities within the Open OHV Recreation Area could include marked or developed trails, informal trails, unpaved staging areas, accompanying staging facilities such as restrooms and picnic areas, and educational facilities such as interpretive displays or an outdoor classroom area. Developed tracks, paving, and other built facilities will not be located in this use area. Visitor access to this area will be limited to OHVs and pedestrians. From the staging areas where most street vehicles will park, visitors will be able to ride throughout this use area along existing informal trails, potential future marked trails, or in open terrain.

Typical visitor activities in this area will include OHV use of marked and developed trails, informal trails, open areas, and staging areas and visitor use of picnic areas and educational exhibits or facilities. Overnight use will be limited to special events.
Drainage Management Area

The primary management intent of the Drainage Management Area is to prevent water quality degradation and soil loss while allowing for recreational enjoyment of this area as appropriate. This use area will be actively managed to address water quality and soils management issues related to the linear drainage canal that bisects Clay Pit SVRA. No recreational facilities are proposed for this use area. Drainage crossings will be constructed, which may include culverts, bridges, or other features that will guide circulation through the area. Driving up and down the drainage will be discouraged. Visitor activities will be managed according to the season and site conditions. Visitor use of this area will be managed in accordance with water quality requirements.

Overview of the Environmental Impact Report

The following is a summary of the purpose and analysis of the Clay Pit SVRA General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR provides a detailed analysis of the issue areas that would have potential to create significant environmental impacts if the proposed General Plan, including headquarters facilities, were implemented.

The environmental analysis found that, with incorporation of project design features, implementation of goals and guidelines as directed by the General Plan, and adherence to regulatory requirements (e.g., State Parks and Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation [OHMVR] Division requirements and guidelines, and requirements from regulatory agencies) implementation of the General Plan, including headquarters facilities, would result in less than significant environmental impacts to the following issue areas:

- Transportation and traffic
- Air quality
- Noise
- Visual resources
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and soils
- Hydrology and water quality
- Public services and utilities
- Hazardous materials
- Climate change

Public Response to the Draft EIR and Certification of the Final EIR

Ten comment letters were received within the 45-day public comment period of the Draft EIR. The ten comment letters are included in the Final EIR along with responses from the OHVMR Division. Each comment has been addressed and the responses were sent to each commenter on June 11, 2012, along with a notification of the time and place for the OHMVR Commission meeting. The OHMVR Division
staff believes that all comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of each commenter and there is no foreseeable opposition to the certification of the Final EIR that is before the OHMVR Commission for certification.

IV. OVERVIEW OF THE PLANNING PROCESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clay Pit SVRA General Plan provides a comprehensive framework intended to guide development, ongoing management, and public use at Clay Pit SVRA for many years. Because it is intended as a long-term guide, the General Plan must remain flexible, general in its scope, and consistent in the vision for Clay Pit SVRA’s future. The General Plan must allow for changing conditions over time and for solving future management problems.

Public and stakeholder input is an important component of State Parks’ general plan process. Input is sought at the very beginning and throughout the planning process, and it plays an essential role in the development of the recommendations, goals, and guidelines within the general plan. A public participation program was implemented during development of the Clay Pit SVRA General Plan. The goal of this extensive public and stakeholder outreach effort was to identify the community’s ideas and desires for future management and use of Clay Pit SVRA, and to understand the community’s concerns about the future of the park. Elements of the public participation program included an on-site and online visitor survey, stakeholder interviews, distribution of fact sheets and newsletters, compilation of project information in working papers, and three public workshops.

The following is a chronological list of public information materials and opportunities for public and stakeholder participation and input provided throughout the planning process for the development of the Clay Pit SVRA General Plan:

- On-line Survey: May–August 2010
- Fact Sheet: May 2010
- Public Workshop #1: June 2010
- Stakeholder Telephone Interviews: July and August 2010
- Public Workshop #2: August 2010
- Newsletter: August 2010
- Public Workshop #3: September 2010

V. KEY PLANNING ISSUES

Key issues were identified through existing conditions research, public outreach efforts, and through discussions with various OHMVR Division staff members. These planning issues are summarized below.

Regional Planning Context

Regional Importance

OHV recreation is an important pastime in the Oroville region, Butte County, and foothills of the Sierra Nevada. No other publicly owned OHV facilities exist in the
immediate vicinity of Clay Pit SVRA. While privately owned facilities are present in Marysville and Yuba City, these venues charge significant admissions, and Clay Pit SVRA is the only low-cost OHV area available for recreating in the region. Furthermore, the privately owned facilities are often only available for special events, and therefore don’t provide regular hours for recreation by casual visitors. For these reasons, Clay Pit SVRA functions as a highly valued regional park and recreation resource for residents of Butte County, particularly for beginning riders and families.

**Air Pollution, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Dust Control**

Air quality is an issue of regional concern in the northern Sacramento Valley and in Butte County. OHV use, similar to any other vehicle use, is a contributing factor. Vehicle emissions generated from travel to Clay Pit SVRA and from recreation activities at the SVRA contribute to regional air pollution and climate change. Furthermore, constructing facilities and operating the SVRA could temporarily increase dust particulates in the air and could be a contributing factor to local air pollution. Measures to reduce air pollution, greenhouse gas emission, and release of fugitive dust during construction and operation are addressed in the General Plan.

**Water Supply/Conservation**

Proposed improvements at Clay Pit SVRA would generate the need for additional water supply. Water would be needed to support the SVRA headquarters and to control dust generated by the use of proposed OHV tracks. The General Plan addresses potential sources of water and provides goals and guidelines for efficient water use and reuse.

**Area-Specific Issues**

**Existing Clay Pit SVRA Uses**

Clay Pit SVRA does not have any developed facilities for OHV recreation; the entire SVRA consists of open recreation terrain. While this type of recreation opportunity is appreciated by those who visit and use the SVRA, the area is generally considered underused. Many visitors who took the online survey or participated in public meetings and stakeholder interviews would like some managed facilities (e.g., motocross track, ATV track, 4x4 rock crawl) to be developed. The General Plan addresses this issue by planning for a range of developed tracks and facilities while maintaining opportunities for open-terrain recreation in areas of the SVRA not planned for developed facilities.

**Site Access**

The existing entrance to Clay Pit SVRA has no traffic controls such as traffic signals or turning lanes. Visitors turn into the SVRA directly from Larkin Road, a relatively busy County road. This direct turn could create a local traffic hazard with increased use of the SVRA, especially with vehicles pulling trailers. The General Plan describes the intent to move the main SVRA entrance from its current location to a new location directly across from Airport Road. This would create a four-way intersection with
better opportunities for traffic control. Lines of sight would also be better at this location. The existing entrance would be maintained as a service entrance.

**Circulation**

Currently, Clay Pit SVRA does not have any formal roads or trails to direct internal circulation. While visitors generally appreciate the opportunity for open terrain recreation, OHV recreationists can unexpectedly cross each other’s path. The General Plan addresses internal circulation by establishing designated use areas, by planning access roads to the western terrace and the floor of the pit, and by installing directional signage in any blind areas. Large portions of the SVRA would remain available for open terrain recreation.

**Headquarters**

Clay Pit SVRA has no on-site administrative or maintenance facilities for park management. State Park Peace Officers, maintenance staff, and administrative staff service the SVRA from State Park’s Northern Buttes District office in nearby Oroville and from the Prairie City SVRA offices in Rancho Cordova. The absence of administrative and maintenance facilities is a disadvantage for those managing and servicing the SVRA. The General Plan includes new headquarters facilities with an entry kiosk, administrative and maintenance offices, a staff bathroom, and landscaping. The presence of these facilities will enable site managers to better administer and serve the SVRA and provide better visitor and emergency services.

**Visitor Facilities**

On-site visitor facilities at Clay Pit SVRA are very limited and consist of one vault toilet, a small paved parking area, two picnic tables with shade ramadas, and one three-sided interpretive sign. The picnic tables receive limited use because they are located along the perimeter of the site. Visitors often stage their vehicles in the shade of the cottonwood trees near the eastern boundary of the SVRA. The General Plan envisions additional facilities of various types to better serve current and future visitors. Proposed facilities include new restrooms, interpretive facilities, picnic facilities, roadways, and parking and staging areas.

**Utilities**

No utilities are available on-site. Electricity, phone, sewer, and water are available across Larkin Road at the Oroville Municipal Airport and could be extended into Clay Pit SVRA. The General Plan includes plans for the drilling of an on-site well to provide water for use at the new entrance station, and for track watering, if sufficient water is available. If additional water is needed for dust control, it could be provided by the local water agency. Sewage from the headquarters facilities would be treated on-site via an engineered septic system near the entry station. The existing vault toilet would remain, and additional vault toilets would be provided for visitor use.
Physical Resources/Topography

The topography at Clay Pit SVRA does not include a lot of variety or challenge to most visitors. Stakeholders have repeatedly expressed a desire for developed facilities such as tracks to provide more recreation options at the SVRA. The native substrate includes clay and cobble, which can make OHV use of the SVRA uncomfortable or dangerous for visitors. The engineered substrate used in developed facilities would provide a more variable and comfortable environment. Stakeholders also suggested that the OHMVR Division use logs and large rocks in the SVRA to provide obstacles to climb and navigate. The General Plan includes a variety of developed uses that would provide a variety of substrates and challenges to riders of different abilities and experience.

Soil Conservation

Soil conservation is a priority at Clay Pit SVRA. The 2008 Soil Conservation Standard and Guidelines (State Parks 2008) require assessment, maintenance, and monitoring activities for all projects funded by the OHV Trust Fund. These activities ensure that all OHV facilities are managed for their sustainable prescribed use without generating soil loss that exceeds restorability and without causing erosion or sedimentation that significantly affects resource values beyond the facilities. The General Plan includes goals and guidelines to ensure compliance with this standard.

Habitat Management

Habitat management is a priority at Clay Pit SVRA. The 1988 OHMVR Act requires that the OHMVR Division develop wildlife and habitat monitoring and protection programs. In 1999 the OHMVR Division prepared the Habitat Monitoring System (HMS) which provides guidance and sets overall goals for the entire SVRA system. The system is intended to be adaptive to the needs of the resources at each SVRA, and to changes in scientific knowledge and methods. The General Plan includes goals and guidelines to ensure compliance with this system.

Water Quality

During the wet months Clay Pit SVRA receives runoff from the Oroville Municipal Airport located immediately to the north. Runoff enters the SVRA via an incised drainage, often carrying sediment and other pollutants. OHV use of the SVRA also creates sediment and vehicle-related pollutants. Both are carried off-site to the east into a remnant oxbow of the Feather River. The General Plan addresses water quality issues through coordination with neighboring property owners, proposed on-site treatment of runoff, and management of pollution sources.

Sensitive Biological Resources

Clay Pit SVRA supports vernal pools and other wetlands, and a drainage canal traverses the site. These features are waters of the U.S. subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) jurisdiction under Section 404 of the federal CWA. Any placement of fill material into waters of the United States would require a CWA Section 404 permit from USACE. The vernal pools at the SVRA are known to support
vernal pool fairy shrimp, which is federally listed as threatened. This species has persisted and thrived at the SVRA despite ongoing OHV activity. However, because of its federal listing status, the presence of this species on-site may require specific management actions in some areas known to support this species. Clay Pit SVRA also includes one elderberry shrub. Elderberry shrubs with branches greater than 1 inch in diameter are considered potential habitat for the valley elderberry longhorn beetle, an invertebrate federally listed as threatened. The planning team is addressing issues related to federally protected wetlands and listed species through informal consultation with USACE and the USFWS (the federal agencies regulating these resources). The General Plan also includes goals and guidelines to protect these resources, including formal consultation with these agencies before construction begins in any areas where these resources are found.

Cultural Resources

Much of the land near Clay Pit SVRA was mined for gold and river substrates, and the “pit” itself was created when the site was mined for clay during construction of the Oroville Dam in the 1950s. While this history is interpreted briefly in the on-site interpretive sign, additional opportunities exist to accentuate the local history via additional interpretive displays. The SVRA has been inventoried for prehistoric and historic resources of potential significance and does not contain any resources that would cause constraints to SVRA management and use.

Educational Opportunities

Interpretation at Clay Pit SVRA is limited to one small three-sided interpretive sign placed near the parking lot. The addition of new facilities, including the headquarters building and constructed OHV facilities, would provide additional opportunities for site interpretation and educational outreach. Interpretation could address the physical, biological, and cultural resources found at the site, local geology and geography, issues related to water quality and treatments, and other topics.

Educational outreach could also provide information on safe OHV use. The General Plan includes goals and guidelines related to interpretation and education.

Aesthetic Resources

During the public outreach process conducted in support of the General Plan, some visitors suggested taking measures to beautify the site. Planting trees; enhancing the drainage management area; and restoring some vernal pools and grasslands could improve SVRA aesthetics. Opportunities to enhance the site and restore habitat are addressed in the General Plan. The General Plan also includes provision for the screening and landscaping of newly proposed facilities.

Noise

Noise generated by visitors to Clay Pit SVRA has the potential to adversely affect nearby sensitive receptors. The General Plan addressed this issue through careful site planning to avoid increased noise levels at nearby receptors and by
recommending noise barriers (berms) between proposed facilities and a nearby residence. The General Plan also includes guidelines to encourage the supporting organizations that use the SVRA to coordinate periodic and voluntary noise testing for vehicles and education to help maintain acceptable ambient noise levels.

Public Safety

Clay Pit SVRA is patrolled by State Park Peace Officers 7 days per week, but includes no staffed entry kiosk. The General Plan includes plans for permanent administration buildings, which would improve park oversight, enhance public safety, and limit opportunities for inappropriate or illegal use of the SVRA.

Relationships with User Groups

During the public outreach process conducted in support of the General Plan, several groups expressed strong support for Clay Pit SVRA and a willingness to help with efforts related to site development and maintenance. The General Plan includes provisions to continue positive relationships with user groups and to foster volunteer stewardship.

Providing Places for Family Gatherings

Clay Pit SVRA is considered a family-friendly park partly because the relatively easy terrain is suitable for inexperienced visitors. However, no specific riding areas exist for children, and no other activities are provided for families and individuals who are not riding OHVs. The General Plan proposes creating a designated youth riding area in the SVRA and providing additional gathering places with recreational facilities for use by groups and/or families. The facilities could include clustered ramadas and picnic tables and facilities for passive recreation, such as horseshoe pits.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES

No known legal issues are related to the OHMVR Commission’s approval of the General Plan and EIR for the Clay Pit SVRA project.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact as a result of the adoption of the General Plan and EIR for the Clay Pit SVRA.

VIII. COMMISSION ACTION

The OHMVR Division recommends the OHMVR Commission adopt the attached resolution (Attachment C) for certification of the General Plan EIR for Clay Pit SVRA, and approval of the General Plan.

IX. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Regional Location Map
Attachment B: Management Zones
Attachment C: Resolution
1.0 Introduction

Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area
February 2012 1-2 Draft EIR

Source: Adapted by AECOM 2011

Vicinity Map

Figure 1-1
4.0 The Plan

Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area
Draft General Plan 4-11 February 2012
Source: Topographic information provided by David Evans and Associates 2008, planning data developed by AECOM in 2011

Anticipated Facilities

LEGEND
Existing Site Features
- Planning Area Boundary
- Drainage Feature
- Vernal Pool
Potential Site Features
- Roads
- Water Crossing
- Project Improvements
- 1-foot Contour Interval
Use Areas
- Area 1 (Developed Use Area)
- Area 2 (Open OHV Recreation Area)
- Area 3 (Drainage Management Area)

Source: Topographic information provided by David Evans and Associates 2008, planning data developed by AECOM in 2011

Figure 4-2
RESOLUTION OF THE
CALIFORNIA OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION
Adopted at its regular meeting in Oroville, California
June 23, 2012

AGENDA ITEM V. A.

Review and Consideration of the Environmental Impact Report and
General Plan for the Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area

WHEREAS: The Commission is a public body established within the California Department of Parks and Recreation having responsibility for advisory oversight of the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5090.01 et seq., and

WHEREAS: As one of its duties pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5002.3 and 5090.15 (c), the Commission must hold a public hearing to consider and approve general plans prepared by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division (Division) for State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) operated by the Division, and

WHEREAS: The Division entered into an agreement with Department of Fish and Game and Department of Water Resources in 1981 and commenced operation of the Clay Pit SVRA, and

WHEREAS: The Division proposes to undertake facility improvements to the Clay Pit SVRA, and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5002.2, prior to implementing the facility improvements the Division must prepare and submit to the Commission for consideration and approval a general plan containing elements defining and evaluating the proposed land uses, facilities, concessions, operation of the unit, any environmental impacts, and the management of resources to serve as a guide for the future development, management, and operation of the SVRA, and

WHEREAS: The Division prepared and submitted to the Commission for consideration and approval the General Plan for the Clay Pit SVRA dated February 2012 together with the related Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Final EIR, including Public Comments and Responses to Public Comments, and

WHEREAS: The EIR contains two levels of analysis for the Clay Pit SVRA; the first level consisting of a program EIR for implementation of the
Clay Pit SVRA General Plan and the second level consisting of the project level environmental analysis for the near-term facility improvement projects to be undertaken by the Division, and

WHEREAS: Following consideration and certification of the general planning level environmental analysis in the EIR and approval of the Clay Pit SVRA General Plan by the Commission, the Division will certify the project level environmental analysis in the EIR and approve the facility improvement projects for implementation, and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to public notice dated June 12, 2012, the Commission met in Oroville, California on June 23, 2012 to consider for approval the General Plan and consider the related environmental documents for the Clay Pit SVRA, and

WHEREAS: The Commission members received a presentation from the Division summarizing the contents of the General Plan and related EIR and acknowledged they had independently reviewed the documents provided to them prior to the Commission meeting and had, additionally, participated the day previous to the meeting in a tour of the Clay Pit SVRA, and

WHEREAS: As part of its consideration of the General Plan and related documents the Commission received comments from the public during the Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS: A motion was made and seconded approving the General Plan for the Clay Pit SVRA dated February 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED: That the Commission has independently reviewed and considered the General Plan and related comments and documents including the environmental analysis in the EIR in connection with the General Plan for the Clay Pit SVRA, and be it

RESOLVED: That in connection with its review and consideration of the EIR prior to approving the Clay Pit SVRA General Plan, the Commission finds that the EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Commission and has been completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and be it

RESOLVED: That the Commission independently finds the environmental conclusions contained in the EIR are supported by the facts in the EIR, that the facts are based on substantial evidence in the record, and that guidelines, operating policies, or other changes or
alterations have been incorporated into the Clay Pit SVRA General Plan that will result in less than significant environmental impacts, and be it

RESOLVED: That the Commission approves the General Plan for the Clay Pit SVRA including the policies submitted in connection with the general planning level environmental analysis in the EIR, and be it

RESOLVED: That the location and custodian of the Clay Pit SVRA General Plan and other materials which constitute the record of proceeding on which the Commission’s decision is based is: California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, 1725 23rd Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, California 95816; telephone (916) 324-4442; www.ohv.parks.ca.gov.

RESOLVED: That a Notice of Determination will be filed with the Office of Planning and Research within five days of the date of this Resolution approving the Clay Pit SVRA General Plan.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Parks, Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission on June 23, 2012 at the Commission’s duly noticed public meeting at Oroville, County of Butte, California.

By __________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________

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California State Parks
Secretary to the Commission