

Ground Operations - La Grange OHV (FINAL)

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1. Project Description

A. Statement of GO Activity

La Grange Regional Park is the most diverse of all the regional parks with approximately 730 acres. The park offers 147 acres of exciting off-road vehicle recreation. La Grange Regional Park resources are in fair condition considering the prior use of land (quarry) before it became an OHV Park. Continued conservation efforts are needed on the swale system that leads down to the main OHV trails area.

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Entrance Station collection/support

Cleaning restrooms

Volunteer support and coordination

Trash Collection

Physical barriers for traffic control

Fencing Repairs

Regulatory and directional signage

Maintaining trees

Site and program management

Electrical repairs

With the operational funding for Park Maintenance staff, the County would be able to provide a greater level of service to our constituents that use the facility. The County staff will be available to assure a clean, wellgroomed, and positive recreational experience for our OHV users by keeping the bathrooms clean and grading the motor cross track. Should significant changes in the terrain or environment develop, staff will be present to assess and address these important issues. Without operational funding, staff presence will be reduced. The current peak season for this park is roughly from October 15 through May 15. With our present staff, we are able to grade the track for scheduled motocross races during the peak season. On the off-season, the park is maintained sporadically.

There is presently 2 wells at the park. Well number #2 is used for the maintenance of the track and well #1 waters the trees, and

provides water to the restrooms. The County received an OHV grant that paid for the electrical source for the well #2 which is a source for the pumps, water lines, and water tanks. Due to the location of well #2, a fence was constructed to protect the holding tanks, since the location of the area is so remote. The water tanks currently hold 15,000-gallons of water to be used primarily for grooming the motocross track at the La Grange OHV Park.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The project will address protection and enhancement of OHV opportunity and provide continued access to OHV enthusiast and racers. La Grange Off- Highway Vehicle Park is located in a remote area of La Grange. Approximately 2.5 miles south of the town

of La Grange on J-59 the County owns 147 acres of abandoned dredge and quarry area that is dedicated for off road vehicle use. The

OHV Park currently includes an overnight use area with parking lot and restrooms. Due to the isolated nature of this site, all site furnishings need to be made of long lasting, vandal resistant materials. A consistent program of track and trail maintenance and erosion control needs to be maintained to protect the environment and enhance the OHV users riding experience.

The crew responsible for the La Grange OHV Park is also the same crew that maintains Modesto Reservoir Regional Park. This regional park is approximately 6,040 acres – of this amount, 2,800 acres provides opportunities for water skiing, jet skiing, sailing, swimming fishing and duck hunting. Currently there are three full time employees and 7 part time employees that work from April to September (during the height of the season) for both the reservoir and the La Grange Regional Park. This crew is also responsible for several La Grange historical sites (two historical cemeteries, museum, and school house). As you can see the workload is enormous with the current limited staff.

This project enhances and protects the current OHV opportunity by providing additional staff that would be focused on OHV opportunities and tasks. Each year during the high use season for OHV enthusiast, which is from October through June, full time staff is redirected to La Grange OHV park to gear up for the special events and day to day use of the park. Due to a lack of sufficient staff, most of the maintenance begins a month before the OHV season. This Ground Operations Grant would enable the County to dedicate additional people to the area thus giving the park the attention it needs to offer our clients the best riding experience possible. Having a presence at the park, because of its remote location, also helps eliminate illegal riding and trespassing and prevents off-route travel.

Without the grant funding the Park is maintained sporadically, and without a presence, there is increased theft and vandalism at the park. This year alone the County has repaired the entrance station several times. On one occasion the entrance station was set on fire, the locks were tampered with and the windows were broken. The bathrooms suffer a great amount of graffiti and the fences are cut. Quite frequently we find bullet holes in our buildings and signs. With a presence at the park, the Park Maintenance workers could report more of these incidents to the sheriff's office and reduce the amount of vandalism by simply being there since most incidents occur when no one is present.

C. Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles

La Grange Regional Park is the most diverse of all the regional parks with approximately 730 acres. The park offers 147-acres of exciting off-road vehicle recreation. La Grange Regional Park resources are in fair condition considering the prior use of land (quarry) before it became an OHV Park.

D. Location and description of OHV opportunities

Visitors who go to the La Grange OHV area will meet challenges like soft sandy soil, water hazards, and hill climbs. There was a recent addition of an intermediate track for users between the ages of ten and fifteen years old. The user of the park can expect to enjoy trails, groomed competitive tracks, camping, restrooms, tables, and barbeques.

The groups who enjoy the park are the Over the Hill Gang, Modesto 4-wheel drive, CMA Racing, East Bay High Tailers, Merced Dirt Riders, and CORVA. The types of vehicles used here are dune buggies, motorcycles and ATV's and miscellaneous 4 wheel drives.

In the past, The Modesto Ridge runners have volunteered time to accomplish litter and debris removal as well as assisting with irrigation installation. Partnerships with CMA Racing for motocross events have also helped bring awareness of the recreational opportunities at La Grange OHV Park. As part of the race promoters' responsibility, the motocross track is

groomed before each event. Attendance has been excellent. Each event has approximately two to five hundred riders and several hundred spectators. With

this current contract we have 10 scheduled races per year for the next four years. The promoter is responsible to maintain the proper care of the facility, including provision of additional restrooms, garbage collection, and grading of the motocross track.

La Grange Off-Highway Vehicle Park is located in a remote area outside of La Grange. With this Ground Operations (GO) grant we can offer the public additional coverage at the park to maintain the recreational facility as well as to answer any questions or address any problems that might arise. The grant would help to keep the park maintained for our park users as well as our scheduled race events.

2. Rerouting Requirements

Rerouting

- (a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails? Yes No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

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1. **Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**
2. **Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**

3 **Project-Specific Maps**

Attachments:

[La Grange OHV Opportunities Map](#)

4. **Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Attachments:

[La Grange OHV Pictures](#)
[Additional La Grange pictures](#)

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation Department		
PROJECT TITLE :	Ground Operations - La Grange OHV (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-20-G03
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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3/1/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Park Maintenance Worker	990.000	38.150	HRS	28,326.75	9,442.25	37,769.00
	Seasonal Maintenance Worker	4160.000	14.410	HRS	44,959.50	14,986.50	59,946.00
	Total for Staff				73,286.25	24,428.75	97,715.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Heavy Equipment and Operator	1.000	5000.000	YR	3,750.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
	Other-Alarms/Surveillance Notes : We plan on installing dual beam alarm sensors with an entry code keypad in our equipment storage yard. This will help deter theft and vandalism to our OHV equipment. We will be obtaining quotes to purchase Flash Cam to help with the deterrence of theft and vandalism. The Flash Cam has a prerecorded verbal message and the capability to take surveillance pictures of the persons committing criminal acts.	1.000	10000.000	YR	7,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00
	Other-Roofing	1.000	3000.000	YR	2,250.00	750.00	3,000.00
	Total for Contracts				13,500.00	4,500.00	18,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Fencing Supplies	1.000	5000.000	YR	3,750.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
	Other-Vehicle and riding area materials Notes : The plan is to purchase soil to cap the rocky trail tread areas in the OHV Park. The soil was removed in the past when the land was used as a rock quarry. We will also purchase road base to continue installing in the staging areas and other materials	1.000	9000.000	YR	6,750.00	2,250.00	9,000.00

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	necessary to maintain the vehicle and riding areas within the OHV Park.						
	Other-Office, Entrance Station, and Maps	1.000	2500.000	YR	1,875.00	625.00	2,500.00
	Other-Signage	1.000	2000.000	YR	1,500.00	500.00	2,000.00
	Other-10 - Concrete Tables Notes : We will purchase (10) concrete tables and utilize them as replacement for old and damaged tables in the staging areas within the OHV Park.	10.000	800.000	EA	6,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
	Other-Structures, Grounds & Maintenance Notes : This line item includes supplies and maintenance costs for the OHV Park. The following are some of those cost categories: janitorial, vandalism, structure and grounds, irrigation, and small tools.	1.000	10000.000	YR	7,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00
	Other-Water System Testing	1.000	150.000	YR	112.50	37.50	150.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				27,487.50	9,162.50	36,650.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Equipment Maintenance Notes : Equipment Maintenance includes: fuel and minor maintenance cost associated with our off-road equipment and power tools. Vehicle maintenance based on actual OHV mileage use is also included.	1.000	5000.000	YR	3,750.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
	Other-Diesel Emissions PM Filters Notes : Due to the new off road diesel emissions requirements, established by the State Air Resources Board, we plan on installing a particulate matter filter on the back hoe we use at our OHV site.	1.000	20000.000	YR	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00
	Equipment Rental Notes : We plan on renting equipment necessary to install the low flow sprinkler heads or other maintenance needed at the OHV site.	1.000	500.000	YR	375.00	125.00	500.00

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	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				19,125.00	6,375.00	25,500.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Fork Attachment for Tractor	1.000	1000.000	YR	750.00	250.00	1,000.00
6	Others						
	Utilities	12.000	100.000	MOS	900.00	300.00	1,200.00
	Other-Cell Phone Expense	12.000	210.000	MOS	1,890.00	630.00	2,520.00
	Total for Others				2,790.00	930.00	3,720.00
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Administrative Overhead	1.000	8000.000	YR	6,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
	Total Program Expenses				142,938.75	47,646.25	190,585.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				142,938.75	47,646.25	190,585.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				142,938.75	47,646.25	190,585.00

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6	Others	2,790.00	930.00	3,720.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

The maintenance that is going on with existing trails and roads are not near wetlands, navigable waters, and sensitive habitats.

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

Stanislaus County has filed a "Notice of Exemption" - Categorical Exemption section number 15301 which states, "Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment..." La Grange will be involved in strictly the operations and maintenance of the Off-Highway Vehicle Parks facility. There will be no cumulative impacts with this Ground Operations Project. Without the maintenance and grooming, impacts could be significant.

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

The proposed ground operations activities will not have a significant effect on the environment due to the lack of unusually steep slopes or highly erodible soil.

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

La Grange Regional OHV Park is not within the view shed of a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

- Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be

taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

This project would have no substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

This ground operations project will not cause any indirect significant impact. We will strictly focus on operations and maintenance activities.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Notice of Exemption](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 0

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- 76% or more (10 points)
 51% - 75% (5 points)
 26% - 50% (3 points)
 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.

2. Failure to complete the Project would result in: 8

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 8 points (Please select applicable values)

- Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)
 Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)
 Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)
 Potential trespass (2 points)
 Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Failure of this project would mean a potential reduction of staff, which could result in park closer and loss of OHV opportunity. Reduced staffing would also minimize the amount of fence patrol and substantially increase the possibility of trespassing on neighboring property due to downed fences. Vandalism is a huge issue at this site. Failure to complete this project would subject the public to additional safety hazards and unsightly conditions.

3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 12

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)
 Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)
 Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)
 Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)
 Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

This project would sustain OHV Opportunity by:

Maintaining trails - With additional staff on site there are more opportunities to keep the trails maintained and ready for use for the weekend races and the weekly public visits.

Installing or repairing erosion control features - This project will make sure that water bars are installed and there will be rehabilitation of the trail surface.

Providing traffic control and/or educational signage - This project allows the County to continue its efforts to provide traffic control by utilizing signage and barriers to keep traffic in designated areas. The educational signage tells the public where to ride and more specifically where the beginners and experts should go to have the best experience at our park.

This project would sustain the multi use of vehicles at the park - The County allows ATV's, Dirt Bikes and motorcycles.

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
 Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
 Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

We have spoken informally to the user groups and stakeholders concerning the parks general and future direction. We had our first public meeting on February 11, 2010 at the Park Commission Meeting. We discussed the grant possibilities for Frank Raines. We received no public input. We have also scheduled a more formal meeting with all interested parties on March 15, 2010 to discuss the preliminary grant. The Department additionally uses conference calls with interested parties on use of the Off-Highway Vehicle areas in the County. In particular, with groups who want to use the facilities on an exclusive use basis.

5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 4 or more (4 points) 2 to 3 (2 points)
 1 (1 point) None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

Sheriff's Department
California Motocross Association
Modesto Ridgerunners
E Street Motocross
CORVA

6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 7

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values)

- Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point)
 Protecting water quality (1 point)
 Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)
 Protecting special-status species (1 point)
 Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)

- Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)
- Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)
- Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

The facility is an old rock quarry the County has designated for off-highway vehicle use (147 acres). The County has chosen to fully fence the location to ensure an additional barrier for safety purposes. The facility also includes clean restrooms for public health purposes and campgrounds for recreational purposes. All storm water runoff is contained on site.

7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 3

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)
- Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)
- Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point)
- Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)
- Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point)

8. Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.

8. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Low flow plumbing fixtures
- Water efficient landscaping

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points) Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

All irrigation systems utilize water efficient heads. We also installed self closing water efficient faucets. For this grant we plan on installing additional water efficient sprinkler heads with low flow nozzles to help conserve water.

9. Motorized Access - Q 9.

9. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- Camping
- Birding
- Hiking
- Equestrian trails
- Fishing
- Rock Climbing
- Other (Specify)