

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM: V. A.. – Draft Amendment to Policies
And Procedures
STAFF: Gary Willard, Chair, OHMVR Commission

Discussion: The Commission will present a draft amendment to the Commission's policies and procedures in an effort to better define meeting agenda items and time available for public comments.

Issue/Background: Previous discussions regarding the availability of information to be presented at the Commission meetings, and the ability for the public to be prepared for comment on this information, has prompted the Chair to propose an amendment to the Policies and Procedures for Commission Meetings. Additionally, there has been discussion and dialogue regarding the time limits set forth for public comment and the distinction between individuals with comment(s) who do not represent an organization and those who speak on behalf of an organization.

Options:

1. Public Comment period before Commission discussion and after any motion to act. Citation that the Chair has discretion to call for public input.
2. Create a link on the Division's website allowing the public to provide comment to the Commission regarding specific agenda items and comments under the Public Comments portion of the agenda.
3. Commission should facilitate the public's input on the OHV program and OHV activity to other parties as appropriate. In consultation with the Deputy Director, Division staff will follow up with the appropriate agency regarding the public comments heard at the meeting.

4. Meeting agendas shall contain sub items under all reports, including Commission reports, the Deputy Director's report, BLM and USFS reports, with enough specificity to allow for the Commission to potentially act on these agenda items per the requirements of public notice in the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. The Chair shall be responsible for communicating to the appropriate party and specific items that the Commission would like included in these reports prior to the publication of the agenda.

5. Change in language regarding hard copy mailing of the notice and agenda as regulated by statute.

Proposal: To be determined by the Commission