



**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING  
Kings Beach, CA 96143**

**September 26, 2014**

**STAFF REPORT:** Law Enforcement/Safety Update  
**STAFF:** Mike Howard, Supervising State Park Peace Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Law Enforcement Projects

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**Summary**

The OHMVR Division's Law Enforcement (LE) team deployed to the Rubicon Trail during the summer of 2014. We staffed the trail nearly every weekend in partnership with deputies from the Placer and El Dorado County Sheriff's Offices.

We have made progress with the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) sign project. The signs have been sent out for production and we are finalizing approximately six locations for installation pending agreements between private landowners and the OHMVR Division.

Staff completed eight Law Enforcement grant site visits to local and federal agencies in Northern and Central California.

We are finalizing the update to the biennial Law Enforcement Code Book.

**Discussion**

***Rubicon Deployment***

The OHMVR Division deployed to the Rubicon for the last five years to provide law enforcement, public safety, and resource protection. This season a small storage shed was built to secure supplies, personal belongings, and equipment. The shed will be used by both Placer and El Dorado County Sheriff's Offices, and other agencies as appropriate, for public safety staffing and equipment.

The summer patrols were largely uneventful. The officers made numerous information and enforcement contacts. Nearly all persons contacted appreciated our presence on the trail. We were able to gain compliance when needed without issuing any citations to date, and have not made any arrests on the trail since last summer. We responded to a downed helicopter in the area of Buck Island and secured the scene overnight while waiting for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to respond for their investigation.

### ***Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Sign Project***

After much input, research, and coordination between the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Kern County Sheriff, and stakeholder groups, the PCT signs have been sent to a vendor for production. The anticipated delivery date of the panels is September 11, 2014.

We have been working with the above mentioned agencies, the Kern Recreational Landowners Association, and ORV Watch Kern County to determine the most effective location for the signs. A Memorandum of Understanding for sign installation on private property has been approved by our legal department. We are in the process of contacting several landowners to request permission to install signs on their property.

### ***Law Enforcement Grant Site Visits***

Law Enforcement staff completed site visits to Amador, Nevada, Santa Clara, San Benito, Yolo, and San Joaquin Counties and the Stanislaus National Forest.

### ***Law Enforcement Code Book***

The 2014 Law Enforcement Code Book is in the final stages of revision and review. The updated Code Book will include the current Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV) laws. Distribution of the 2014 update to law enforcement personnel throughout the state is tentatively scheduled for October/November.

### **Commission Action**

For information only.