OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chambers
September 15, 2012

STAFF REPORT: Public Safety and Law Enforcement Training
STAFF: Brian E. Robertson, Public Safety Park Superintendent
SUBJECT: 40th Anniversary Celebration

Summary
The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division is celebrating its 40th Anniversary of operations. The Chappie-Z'berg Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Law was passed in 1971 and implemented beginning 1972.

We are celebrating 40 years of providing high-quality outdoor motorized recreation while protecting the states outstanding natural and cultural resources. It is this balance which characterizes the past and future challenges for the OHV Program.

Discussion
In 1971, through enactment of the Chappie-Z'berg Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Law (the Law), the Legislature addressed the growing use of motorized vehicles off-highway by adopting requirements for the registration and operation of these vehicles. In addition, the Law provided funding for administration of the Program along with providing facilities for off-highway motor vehicle recreation. (California Vehicle Code § 38000, et seq.)

The Law was founded on the principle that “effectively managed areas and adequate facilities for the use of OHVs and conservation and enforcement are essential for ecologically balanced recreation.” The Law required maintenance and oversight to allow for sustainable OHV use consistent with good environmental stewardship.

During the latter months of 2012 the OHMVR Division will be spotlighting the memories of our state’s OHV recreationists and the Division’s statewide OHV partners. The OHMVR Division is beginning a process of collecting stories and memories from OHV enthusiasts and others who have worked to make the program successful. The Division has established a website where people can share their experiences and memories.

Commission Action
For information only.

Attachments
Thumbnail samples of the 40th Anniversary Posters