



## OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Redding, CA

March 23, 2013

**STAFF REPORT:** General Plans Update  
**STAFF:** Dan Canfield, Planning Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Status of General Plans for State Vehicular Recreation Areas

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### Summary

Several of the State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) are in the process of updating their park general plans. A general plan directs the long-range development and management of a park by providing broad policy and program guidance. This guidance is essential to the SVRA managers and staff, and is of value to those organizations and individuals who have an interest in the SVRA. SVRAs must have an approved general plan before funding can be approved for any major capital outlay projects to build new facilities in a park unit.

### Discussion

Pursuant to Public Resources Code 5002.2, California State Parks is required to prepare general plans for units of the State Park System (e.g., SVRAs) prior to the development of new facilities. In 2007, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division performed a review of existing general plans for the SVRAs and determined that six SVRAs needed to initiate or update their general plans. A contractor was secured to prepare some of the general plans. A table identifying the status of the SVRA general plans is provided as an attachment to this report (see Attachment 1).

Following is a brief summary of recent SVRA general plan developments:

**Clay Pit SVRA:** General Plan adopted June 2012

**Ocotillo Wells SVRA:** Ocotillo Wells District staff are actively working with the general plan contractor to prepare draft planning alternatives. A public workshop is planned for the near future to present and receive feedback on the draft planning alternatives.

**Carnegie SVRA:** As part of the Carnegie SVRA General Plan update, a project website has been launched to support public outreach efforts. The project website can be found at [www.carnegiegeneralplan.com](http://www.carnegiegeneralplan.com). Twin Cities District staff are actively working with the

general plan contractor to prepare draft planning alternatives. A public workshop is planned for the near future to present and receive feedback on the draft planning alternatives.

**Prairie City SVRA:** Work has begun on the Prairie City SVRA General Plan update. Twin cities District staff have met with the general plan contractor to facilitate biological survey work in Spring 2013. A project website is under development.

**Hungry Valley SVRA:** The commencement of the General Plan update for Hungry Valley SVRA is pending the resolution of proposed acquisitions.

### **Commission Action**

For information only

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: SVRA General Plans Update – March 2013

OHMVR DIVISION

State Vehicular Recreation Area General Plans Update  
March 2013

Park Unit	Adopted	Amended	GP Status & Updates in Progress
Carnegie SVRA	1981	-	GP update underway including Alameda-Tesla properties. Planning alternatives currently under development
Clay Pit SVRA	2012	-	Approved by the OHMVR Commission June 2012
Heber Dunes SVRA	2011	-	Approved by the OHMVR Commission December 2011
Hollister Hills SVRA	1978	2003	-
Hungry Valley SVRA	1981	-	GP update pending, including new and proposed acquisitions
Oceano Dunes SVRA	1975	1991	-
Ocotillo Wells SVRA	1981	-	GP update underway including newly acquired properties. Planning alternatives currently under development
Prairie City SVRA	1991	-	GP update underway