



**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Victorville, CA**

May 2, 2014

STAFF REPORT: OHMVR Division Law Enforcement Update

STAFF: Superintendent Brian Robertson

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Update: Kern County Regional Law Enforcement and Tehachapi Partnership

Summary

Kern County Regional Law Enforcement

On March 17, 2014, an OHMVR Division law enforcement representative met with local and federal land managers of Kern County and Mojave Desert Region to discuss off-highway issues and land management techniques.

Tehachapi Partnership

In January 2010, OHMVR Division law enforcement personal met with local community based representatives to discuss off-highway issues and concerns relating to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), Tehachapi, California. During this January site visit, conversations started exploring options and ideas regarding education and interpretation specific to the PCT. As one result of this outreach and partnership, up to seven information kiosks will have been installed in strategic locations by the end of 2014.

Discussion

Kern County Regional Law Enforcement

On March 17, 2014, Superintendent Brian Robertson met with local and federal representatives from Kern County to discuss local off-highway issues and land management techniques. Meeting participants included Kern County Supervisors Zack Scrivener and Mick Gleason, Kern County Sheriff Donny Youngblood, Kern County District Attorney Lisa Green, Kern County Parks Director Robert Lerude, Kern County Deputy Sheriff Tyson Davis, BLM Ridgecrest Manager Carl Symons, Stewards of the Sequoia Bruce Miller, and Friends of Jawbone representatives Edward Waldheim and Kari Hunter. During the land managers meeting, participants discussed the importance of educating local court officials regarding OHV laws, the standardization of regional law enforcement regarding OHV use, and the OHMVR Division's longtime support and funding in the region.

Tehachapi Partnership

During the previous three years, local community leaders Mesonika Piecuch and Phillip Klasky of ORV Watch Kern County have partnered with the USFS, BLM Ridgecrest, and the OHMVR Division to develop an education and interpretation program specific to the Mojave Desert region. The partnership currently has one completed Education and Interpretation Kiosk installed at the Wee Vill Market on Hwy 138. Six additional kiosks are projected to be installed on the Mojave Desert floor by the end of the year.

Commission Action

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