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## OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING

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**STAFF REPORT:** Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach  
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**SUBJECT:** Public Works Plan Update – Southern Entrance Options

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### Summary

California State Parks is developing a Public Works Plan (PWP) for Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) and Pismo State Beach. This staff report is an update on the Southern Entrance options to be included in the PWP.

### Discussion: *Background*

One of the PWP's key land use planning components is a Southern Entrance with direct access into the OHV riding area. This is a long-desired option and has been addressed without conclusion in previous general plan and plan amendment efforts prior to the PWP.

The needs of a Southern Entrance include providing a location for an OHV entrance with adequate staging area. Additionally, plans for an OHV compatible campground in association with the southern entrance has also been included in the General Plan for future development along the eastern or southeastern boundaries of the SVRA.

The Southern Entrance planning goals include:

- Provide a new and direct access for OHV recreation into riding area
- Include new OHV camping opportunities with direct access to riding areas
- Provide alternative access to take OHV recreation traffic off of Pier Avenue and Grand Avenue entrances to address community impact issues
- Allow management alternative to address concerns related to occasional Arroyo Grande Creek closures (effectively closing SVRA vehicular access).

**Discussion: *Draft Proposals***

Preliminary PWP Southern Entrance proposals have included the potential for vehicular access from the proposed Oso Flaco development area and/or from an undetermined future acquisition properties along the eastern edge of the SVRA. Current draft PWP proposals for southern entrance as conceptually presented include options that may require acquisition or easements of additional property to achieve these goals.

Therefore public input during the PWP planning process has included concerns with the indefinite nature of viable and realistic Southern Entrance options.

**Discussion: *Update***

In August 2020 the Phillips Petroleum Corporation announced plans to close their refinery in Oceano located on the eastern boundary of the SVRA. State Parks currently leases a portion of this property. The future availability of this property could provide a legitimate, feasible option for meeting the Southern Entrance goals of the PWP. The PWP will include these acquisition opportunities in order to provide flexibility for future management.

The PWP will present all these options in order to provide planning flexibility for future management of the SVRA.

**Commission Action**

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