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STAFF REPORT: Planning Program Update

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SUBJECT: Status of Planning Efforts for State Vehicular Recreation Areas

Summary

Several planning efforts are underway within State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs). Hungry Valley SVRA is in the process of updating its park general plan. The Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan, which has off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation components, is revising its general plan. Three SVRAs are developing Road and Trail Management Plans. This report describes each plan's purpose, process, and current milestone.

Discussion

Following is a summary of recent SVRA/OHV general plan developments.

Hungry Valley SVRA:

The Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan has a project website at www.planhungryvalley.com/ to facilitate public involvement in the planning process. Interested parties should visit the project website and register to receive email notifications regarding project progress.

The next step in the General Plan Revision process is to release the Draft Plan Concepts to the public. These Concepts explore the scope of potential land management uses, visitor experiences, natural and cultural resource management approaches, and park operations options. State Parks will hold a virtual public meeting to present the General Plan Draft Plan Concepts in early 2021. Look for an email with virtual meeting information and links to the project website, where you can view the information packet, comment card, and virtual meeting materials.

Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach Public Works Plan

California State Parks is developing a Public Works Plan (PWP) for Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach. A PWP is a long-range land use and development plan.

It analyzes existing conditions for park operations, recreation opportunities, coastal access, and environmental compliance; makes recommendations for improvement; and, includes future development projects and programs. The California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission) reviews and certifies PWPs in the same manner as Local Coastal Plans as defined in Chapter 6 of the Coastal Act (starting with Public Resources Code Section 3050).

The PWP has several opportunities for public input and review throughout plan development, document review, and the environmental document review. The Coastal Commission will hold a public hearing for the draft and final PWP and environmental impact report (EIR). A contractor is preparing the PWP. There is a project website where the public can view documents, provide comments, learn about public input opportunities, and sign up for updates. The project website and email address are www.oceanodunespwp.com and info@oceanodunespwp.com.

State Parks Planning and Executive staff consult regularly with the California Coastal Commission and San Luis Obispo County staff for this project. State Parks presented an update at the Coastal Commission meeting in September 2020. The next meeting with the Coastal Commission is anticipated to occur in early 2021.

State Parks is preparing the draft PWP and draft EIR. It is anticipated to be published for public review and comment by the end of December 2020.

Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan:

The General Plan has a project website, www.redrockgp.com and a project email, info@redrockgp.com. Interested parties should visit the project website.

The planning team is developing the draft preliminary general plan and environmental impact report. These documents will be available for public review and comment in winter 2020. A summary of public comments for the October 2019 Revised Plan Concept public meetings is available on the project website at www.redrockgp.com/resources.

Road and Trail Management Plans

Following is a summary of recent SVRA Road and Trail Management Plans.

Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA began work on a Road and Trail Management Plan in May 2018. The planning team is working on gathering existing trail conditions. There will be several opportunities for public input in soon.

Prairie City SVRA is completing the trail inventory and assessment towards the Road and Trail Management Plan. The next step is to draft trail alignment concepts for stakeholder review and input.

Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation and Over Snow Recreation – Demographic and Economic Impact Study (Study)

State Parks and California State University, Fresno, will kick off the Study in January 2021. The proposed study provides information on the characteristics of OHV/OSV users in California. The purpose of this project is to: 1) document the use levels, locations, and duration of visits to OHV/OSV sites; and 2) document economic impacts and benefits, and value of the OHV/OSV system. Phase I of the project will focus on the online survey of registered vehicle owners. Phase II will document via intercept surveys of users at selected event sites, and an online survey to government and businesses near active event sites. The project product will be a full report and analysis.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS SVRA PLANNING UPDATE

Park Unit	Adopted	Amended	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
Prairie City SVRA	2016 1991		Approved by the OHMVR Commission September 2016
Carnegie SVRA	2016 1981		Approved by the OHMVR Commission October 2016
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	
Oceano Dunes SVRA (General Plan)	1975	1991	
Oceano Dunes SVRA (Public Works Plan)			Staff is preparing the draft plan and draft environmental impact report (EIR) for public review in January 2021.
Hungry Valley SVRA	1981		General Plan (GP) update in progress. Completing the draft plan concepts
Ocotillo Wells SVRA	1981		

State Vehicular Recreation Area Road and Trail Management Plans

Park Unit	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA	Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP) project began May 2018. Next milestone is conducting a trail inventory.
Carnegie SVRA	RTMP began in July 2018. Trail inventory in process.
Prairie City SVRA	RTMP began in April 2017. Trail inventory in process. First stakeholder meetings, consultation, and visitor survey completed.

Regional Planning Efforts

Park Unit	Adopted	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
Red Rock Canyon State Park	January 1982	General Plan Update. Project restarted in January 2018. Environmental Scoping Meetings occurred in October 2018. Plan Concept Meetings held on March 25 and 26, 2019. Revised Plan Concepts meetings were held in October 23, 24, and 25, 2019.