



OHV Access Initiative: Appendix B: Visioning Workshop Summary

INTRODUCTION

In Fall 2023, CA State Parks hosted four visioning workshops to provide opportunities for community members to share ideas on where and how to expand access to off-highway vehicles (OHV) facilities in the State and build new relationships with the State Parks team.

This summary provides a general overview of the activities that were conducted at each workshop and the key take-aways provided by the public at those meetings.

The workshops sought to:

- Introduce the OHV project team
- Educate community members about:
 - What OHV is and what it isn't
 - Related environmental sustainability efforts
 - The process to identify options for new OHV sites
- Offer opportunities for the public to interact with team members and share ideas on where and how to expand OHV in the State

Of the four workshops, three were held in-person, at locations across the State, while the last event was held virtually via Zoom to allow those who could not attend an in-person meeting another opportunity to participate. In total approximately 50 people participated in the workshops. Table 1 shows an overview of the workshops.

Table 1: Overview of Workshops

Workshop #	Date & Time	Location
1: Pomona	Friday, September 29, 2023 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center - 601 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA
2: Redding	Monday, October 23, 2023 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Sheraton Redding Hotel at the Sundial Bridge - 820 Sundial Bridge Drive, Redding, CA 96001
3: Bakersfield	Thursday, November 16, 2023 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Four Points by Sheraton Bakersfield 5101 California Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93309
4: Online via Zoom	Wednesday, December 6, 2023 6:00pm-7:30pm	Virtual via Zoom

DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

The in-person workshops had three components:

- **Introductory Presentation:** The project team gave a brief presentation about what OHV is and isn't and discussed the process, opportunities, and challenges for identifying new OHV sites.
- **Questions & Answers:** Team members fielded and responded to questions from participants.

- **Interactive Stations:** Participants were invited to engage with project team members at four interactive stations.

The virtual workshop had many of the same elements, but it was adapted to an online format and allowed for a longer Questions and Answers portion.

WHAT WE HEARD

Potential locations for new or expanded OHV facilities: Participants were able to interact with a map of the state and offer suggested locations for OHV facilities. Responses varied across the state with some notable location clusters. Areas around the southern part of the San Francisco Bay, near Henry Coe State Park, were suggested numerous times. Areas in Monterey Bay also received numerous suggestions. Other notable clusters included northern areas Redding and southern areas along the border in Imperial and San Diego Counties. Several suggested locations were also located in the Los Angeles area, south of Bakersfield, and scattered throughout the Central Valley and Sierras.

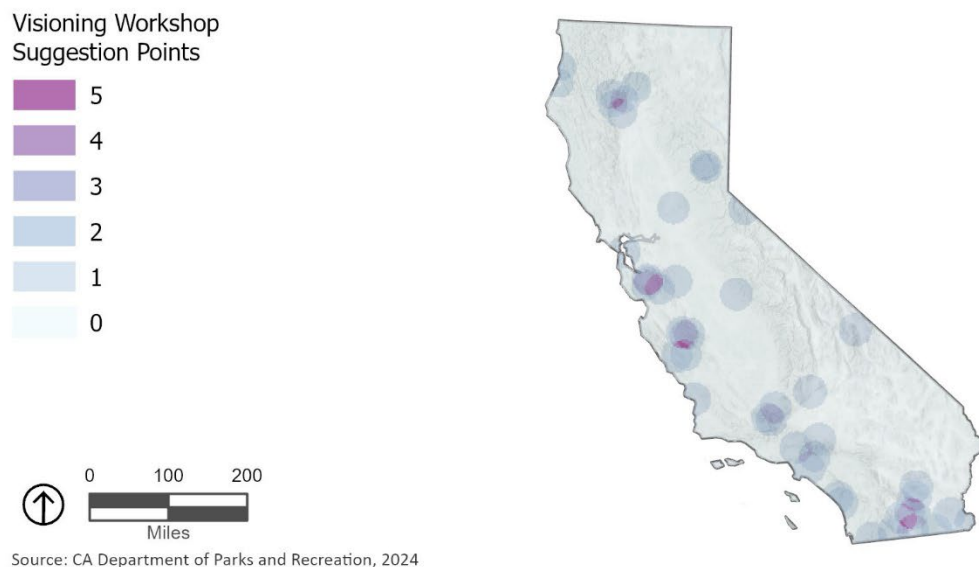


Figure 1. Visioning Workshop Suggestion Points

Popular OHV Activities: Participants like to participate in many types of OHV activities. The most popular ones are group camping events, vehicle-specific challenge courses, single-track trails, and competitions and events. Other well-liked activities include educational activities, safety trainings, free-wheel drive obstacle courses, long-distance multi-day trails, one-way trails, and multi-use trails.

OHV Memories: Participants had many wonderful memories at OHV facilities. The memories contained common themes such as family, comradery with friends, exploring new places, and teaching the next generation to appreciate and care for nature. Some people had major life events and holiday celebrations at OHV sites, like weddings and Thanksgiving family gatherings.

Access to OHV facilities: Participants were mostly supportive of driving long distances to take part in OHV activities. They would make day trips or multi-day trips to reach activities such as multi-use trails, single-track trails, long-distance multi-day trails, motocross tracks, vehicle-specific challenge courses, competitions & events, and group camping trips.

Types of destinations using OHV to get to: Participants shared that they use OHV to access many types of activities. Some popular responses include historical/cross country trails, overlanding, remote camping and fishing sites, and exploring abandoned mines, old mine towns, cemeteries, and old buildings.

Resource management: CA State Parks can take part in many types of resource management activities. Examples include education about the natural environment and how to use OHV facilities, interpretive signages, programs for families and youth, environmental- focused activities such as tree planting and clean-up days, pre/post-wildfire mitigation of facilities, archeological protection, protection for sensitive plant communities, and planning for the end user.

PHOTOS

POMONA WORKSHOP



REDDING WORKSHOP



Picture of people standing around boards



BAKERSFIELD WORKSHOP



Mapping Activity: Participants provided input on locations that CA State Parks can consider adding new or expanding current OHV facilities.

(Show us your preferred locations)

- Green dot for new OHV properties
- Yellow dot for land transfers, leases, or partnerships with other public entities or agency land holders
- Red dot for expanding OHV facilities at current SVRAs or State Park units

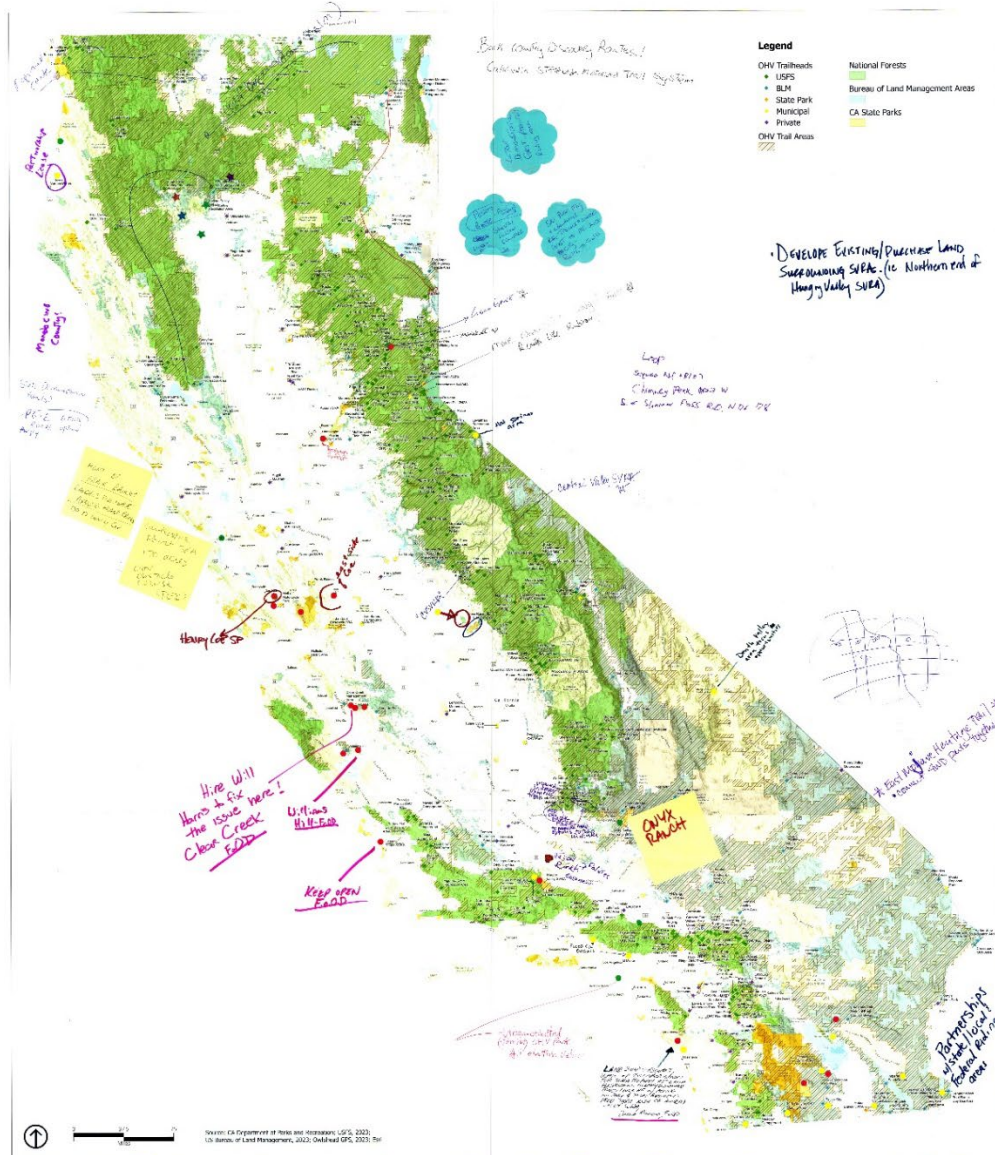







Figure 2. Map of California used to collect feedback from community members

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WORKSHOP STATION #2B

What activities would you like to see in new OHV locations

 Vehicle-Specific Challenge Courses		
 Competitions & Events		
 Group Camping Trips		
 Access to Non-Motorized Activities		
 Safety Trainings		
 Natural Resource Management Program		
 Educational Activities		

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data out

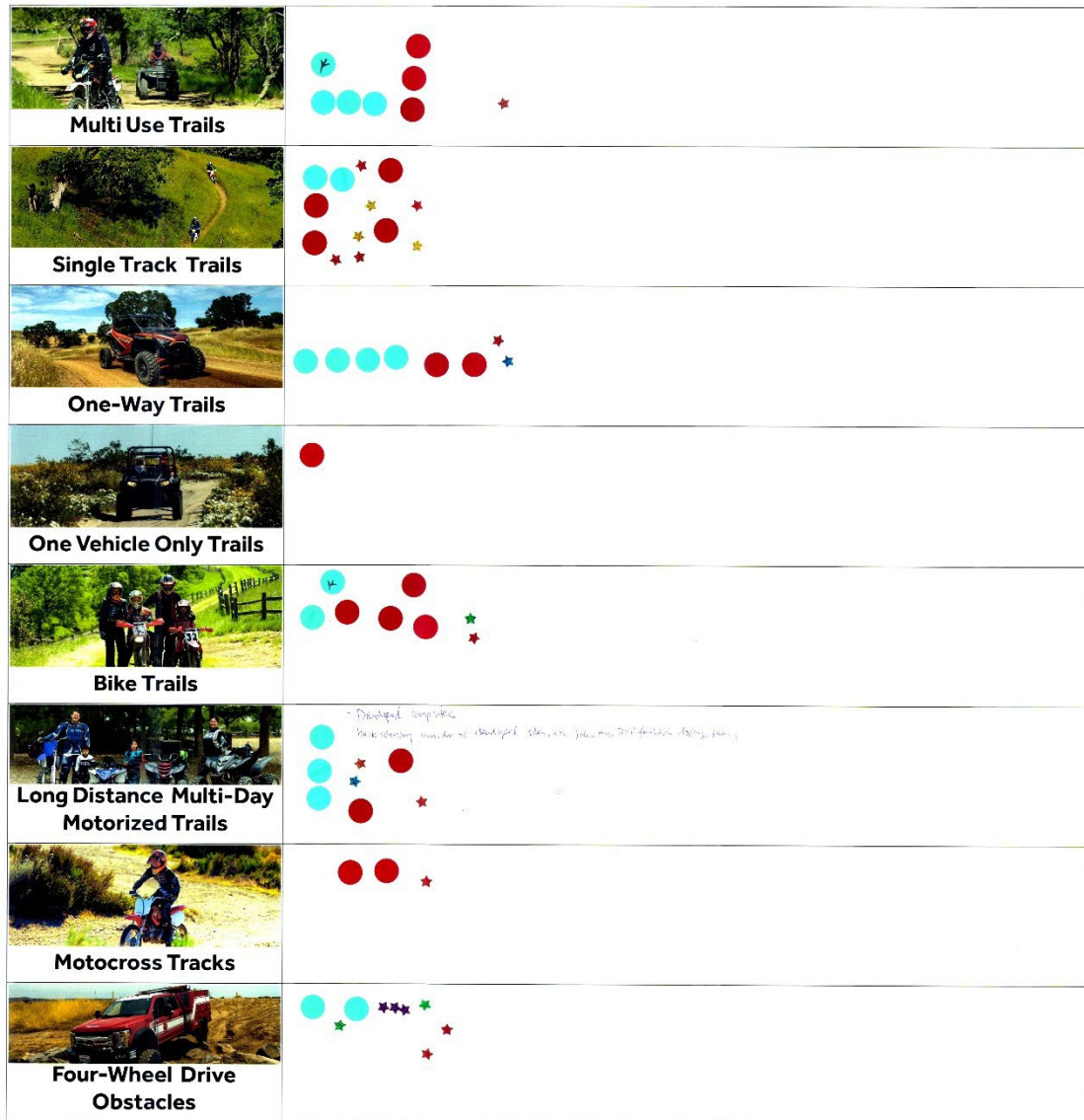
Organize
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Figure 4. Activities Survey: Workshop attendees voted for activities that they would like to experience at new OHV locations.

What activities would you like to see in new OHV locations



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Figure 5. Workshop attendees voted for activities that they would like to experience at new OHV locations

WORKSHOP STATION #3A

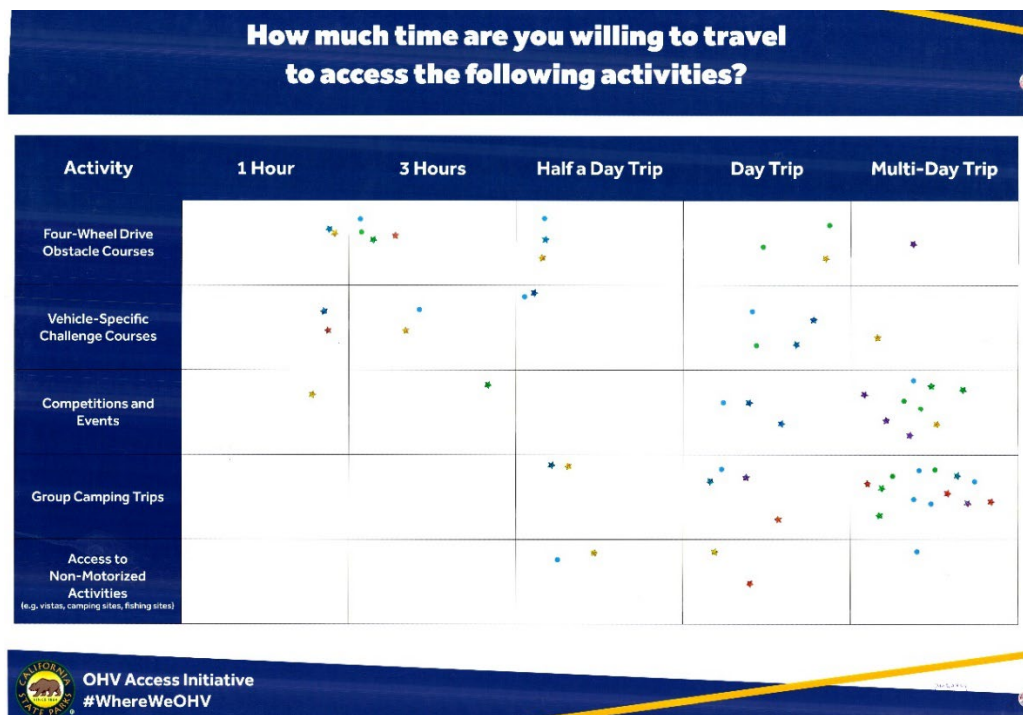


Figure 6. Preferences for Travel: Participants selected the preferred length of time they would like to travel to each type of OHV activity.



Figure 7. Preferences for Travel: Participants selected the preferred length of time they would like to travel to each type of OHV activity.

WORKSHOP STATION #3B

Are there other activities that you access using OHV facilities?

Shooting

Rebels Rally Long Distance Range Camping

ABANDONED MINES

SPSS COUNTRY TRAILS

PIONEER CAMPS, CEMENTERIES

Camping

DBQ

Hiking

Abandoned cabins i.e. Geology Cabin Death Valley

2 Roads

EDUCATIONAL TRAIL Rides For Families, Youth and Partners.

★ HISTORICAL RIDES

↑
TRAIL


Rock hounding, Gold mining: small prospecting

★ Remote camping using OHVS

Historical areas, desert areas to ^{old} mine TOWNS

• people are getting on with SOD & Natural Area, Old Gold Course, already with stories

★ (negative) Rides



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Figure 8. Preferences for Travel: Participants wrote down comments about access to OHV facilities and activities.

WORKSHOP STATION #4

What other things should State Parks consider for managing natural resources related to OHV facilities?



Figure 9. Preferences for Travel: Participants shared their ideas on managing natural resources at OHV facilities.