OHMVR Commission Oceano Dunes SVRA – Overview and Park Unit Planning Ad Hoc Committee Charter

The OHMVR Act established the Commission to provide a public body of appointed members having expertise in various areas related to off-highway recreation and environmental protection. The Commission is dedicated to reviewing and commenting on Program implementation, encouraging public input on issues and concerns affecting the OHMVR Program, considering and approving general plans for SVRAs, and providing advice to the OHMVR Division.

An Ad Hoc Committee of the OHMVR Commission is comprised of two Commissioners whose purpose is to conduct research and gather information about a specific topic of interest related to the duties and responsibilities of the OHMVR Commission, make recommendations and report out to the OHMVR Commission at their regularly scheduled meetings.

Members of the Oceano Dunes SVRA – Overview and Park Unit Planning Ad Hoc Committee: Commissioner Ross-Leech and Commissioner Whettam

OHV Division Staff Lead: TBD
Oceano Dunes SVRA District Lead: TBD

Oceano Dunes SVRA (excerpt from Triennial Report)
In 1982, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) approved a Coastal Development Permit (CDP 4-82-300) for Oceano Dunes SVRA. The CDP has been amended several times since 1982 and set in motion a 40-year debate over access to and recreation at Oceano Dunes SVRA. State Parks attempts to synthesize past and present permitting and provide solutions to this 40-year challenge through the draft Public Works Plan (PWP).

The PWP includes Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach and is a long-range land use management plan for compliance with the California Coastal Act reviewed and approved by the CCC. The PWP allows for a comprehensive permit for large or multi-phase projects and holistically examines future operations and management decisions.

State Parks prepared a draft PWP in December 2020 to balance these complex management issues with operational goals such as increasing equitable public access to the coast through recreational opportunities, facilities, and low-cost accommodations. The draft PWP also seeks to enhance the preservation of the cultural and natural resources, identify compatibility and actions for Local Coastal Plan (LCP) compliance, and become the district’s long-term management plan. This PWP intends to resolve outstanding and long-standing issues from CDP 4-82-300 (as amended). As directed by its mission and statute, State Parks’ draft PWP proposes
a balanced solution to competing mandates to provide continued protection, preservation, and recreational opportunities at these parks for future generations.

The California Coastal Commission reviewed the draft PWP at a Public Meeting on March 18, 2021, along with revisions to CDP 4-82-300, as amended. Due to pending litigation, the Coastal Commission suspended actions to the draft PWP and the existing CDP.

Oceano Dunes SVRA Ad Hoc Charter: Work with OHMVR Division and Oceano Dunes SVRA staff, as well as other stakeholders, to review progress and status on the resource and recreation management and strategic plans that affect Oceano Dunes SVRA motorized and non-motorized recreation activities and facilities.

- Meet prior to each regularly scheduled OHMVR Commission meeting and as needed to review current issues and concerns regarding Oceano Dunes SVRA. The Ad Hoc will meet at least X times per year.
- Meet regularly with OHMVR Division staff, Oceano Dunes SVRA staff, and other stakeholders to identify current issues and concerns. The Ad Hoc will meet at least X times per year with these identified stakeholders.
- Develop an annual work plan with prioritized goals.
- The Ad Hoc will review current inter and intra agency protocols to determine if additional and/or revised guidance is needed on fire recovery and restoration.
- Review annual OHMVR Division budget with Oceano Dunes SVRA needs in mind.