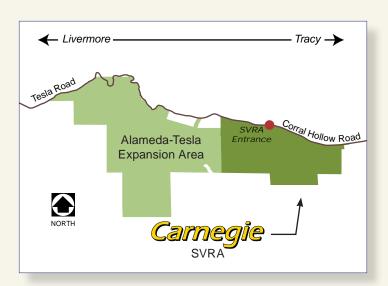
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Update on the General Plan

Representatives of California State Parks met with the public in May for a workshop and environmental impact report (EIR) scoping meeting to kick off the planning process for Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). This was the beginning of the multi-year process to replace the 1981 General Plan with a new General Plan based on today's science, conditions, and public input. The new General Plan will include guidance for uses and management of the existing SVRA as well as the Alameda-Tesla expansion area.

Since the public meeting in May, the planning team has been working on a variety of activities, including:

- Collecting and analyzing comments
- Conducting an online survey
- Posting and updating answers on the website to frequently asked questions
- Meeting with agency staff to discuss their input on the General Plan and potential environmental impacts
- Continuing conversations with stakeholder groups
- Updating biological surveys
- Reviewing information about cultural and historic resources on site
- Counting traffic coming to, and going by, the SVRA



Public Input

Thanks to everyone who made it to the May 21, 2012 public workshop and EIR scoping meeting. There was a great turnout with about 120 engaged attendees, many of whom provided comments



at the meeting. Over 250 people have since provided comments using the website. Many more have emailed the planning team directly at carnegiegp@parks.ca.gov, and close to 900 people have taken the survey available on the project website, www.CarnegieGeneralPlan.com.

Some of the initial input includes:

- Open the Alameda-Tesla expansion area for offhighway vehicle (OHV) use
- Do not open the expansion area for any use
- Allow both off-highway motor vehicle recreation and non-motorized recreation in the expansion area
- Add more tracks and trails for 4-wheel drive vehicles, dirt bikes, ATVs, and side-by-sides
- Protect the sensitive biological species and habitats that may be present within the planning area
- Protect the historic resources and make them available for educational programs

All of the comments provided to the planning team are being read, analyzed, and compiled to use in creating a few draft ideas (alternatives) for future uses and management of the SVRA. Along with the comments, the planning team is using other input to help with creating these draft alternatives, including cultural and biological resource information, input from outside agencies, input from stakeholder groups, and other current condition information.

The online survey will be available through October 12, 2012.



Carnegie SVRA General Plan and EIR Process: Step-by-Step

Fall 2011 - Fall 2012 Fall 2012 - Summer 2013 **Summer 2013** Fall 2013 - Winter 2013 Step 4: Step 1: Step 2: Step 3: Step 5: Step 6: Step 7: Step 8: GENERAL PLAN AND EIR Initiate Project & Study Existing Develop and Prepare Draft EIR **Public Review of Revise Draft** Adopt Final Prepare Conditions and Resources/EIR Evaluate General Plan Alternatives Preliminary Draft General Plan Preliminary Draft General Plan and General Plan and Respond to EIR GP and Certify EIR **Gather Data** Draft EIR Scoping Comments . Website Activity Website Launch Website Activity Website Activity Website Activity Website Activity Survey, Meeting Invite Commission Hearing Invite Collect comments on Collect comment on draft EIR Announce concluson guiding statements post final documents and comments on alternatives Stakeholder Visitor Survey PUBLIC OUTREACH Outreach/Gather Contacts Availability and Notice of Notice of Preparation Completion Postcard Invitation Fact Sheet 1 Fact Sheet 2 Fact Sheet 3 Fact Sheet 4 Fact Sheet 5 Survey Update/ Web Activity Invite Alternatives Update/ Announce Final GP/EIR Alternative and Public Review of Draft GP/EIR Planning Process Meeting Invite

Public Workshop 3

Present Preferre

Considerations for Alternatives

Public Workshop 1

Introduction/EIR Scoping Public Workshop 2

Discussion

The planning team must take into account several considerations when creating the range of uses and potential alternatives. These considerations provide guidelines for the alternatives. If an alternative or use doesn't meet these guidelines, it will not be considered as part of the General Plan process.

- 1. **Property ownership:** The property is owned by the OHMVR Division of California State Parks. Planning efforts associated with the property must be consistent with the OHMVR Division's Mission Statement.
- 2. **Purpose acquired and funding source:** The expansion area was acquired with California's OHV Trust Fund monies to expand the current SVRA and to provide for more OHV recreation opportunities.
- 3. **OHMVR Division Strategic Plan:** The General Plan for the SVRA and expansion area must be consistent with the goals, principles, and themes within the Strategic Plan.

4. California Public Resources Code (PRC): These laws direct how State Parks and SVRAs must be managed and what uses are allowable.

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- 5. State and federal laws regarding resource protection:
 Any alternative must avoid or minimize harm to
 protected plants and animals and effectively manage
 cultural resources in accordance with applicable
 regulations.
- 6. **Air quality plans/districts:** There are two different air districts which govern the properties. The alternatives need to consider how the SVRA will comply with the rules in each district.
- 7. Corral Hollow Watershed Assessment (CHWA) and Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP): The plan must remain in compliance with the requirements in these documents.

Upcoming Events

Information booth during October hillclimbs, October 6-7

Visitor survey, ends October 12

Website activity on draft guiding statements and draft alternatives, January 2013

Public workshop on draft alternatives, January 2013



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