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STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA
General Plan Revision

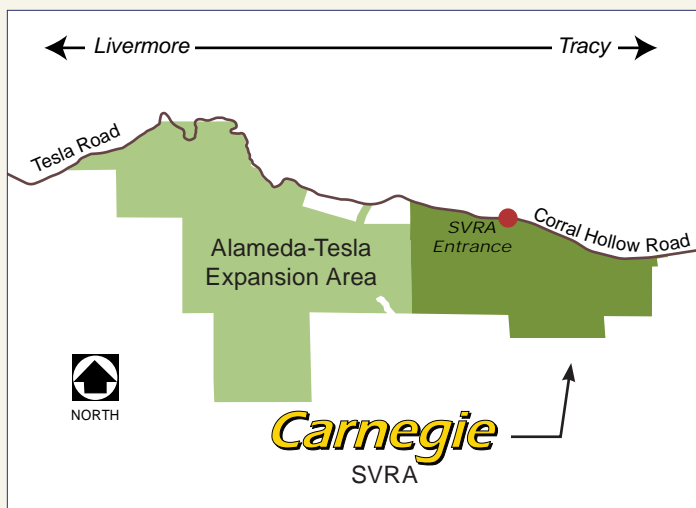


Update on the General Plan

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 off-highway 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.



