



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CARNEGIE STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA GENERAL PLAN

Date: April 23, 2015

To: All interested parties

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) has directed the preparation of a draft environmental impact report (Draft EIR) for the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Preliminary General Plan (Preliminary General Plan), in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. The OHMVR Division is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Carnegie SVRA is located in unincorporated Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, approximately 15 miles east of Livermore and 12 miles southwest of Tracy, California.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The OHMVR Division of State Parks has prepared a Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR for Carnegie SVRA.

Carnegie SVRA is an off-highway vehicle (OHV) park operated by the OHMVR Division. The SVRA comprises 1,575 acres currently open to the public and an adjacent 3,100-acre expansion area. Open space and rural residential areas (i.e., ranchland) are located to the east, west, and south. Carnegie SVRA is largely located on northeast-trending ridges and has been operated as an SVRA since 1980.

A unit of the California State Park system must have an adopted general plan before developing new facilities that may result in the permanent commitment of resources. The General Plan is a guidance document intended for use over many years. It includes a series of visitor experience areas and a detailed set of goals and guidelines developed to guide operations and management of the SVRA into the future. The goals and guidelines address existing issues and provide management guidance that should be implemented to achieve the SVRA's long-term vision.

In addition to the long-range goals and guidelines provided, the General Plan envisions multiple new facilities and improvements to existing facilities related to access, education, recreation opportunities, and operations. Proposed improvements include new entrance gates; a gathering area and interpretive facility at the Tesla Coal Mine Site, and other new gathering areas; additional recreational opportunities (i.e., multi-use OHV routes, four-wheel-drive technical course, and trail/road system); additional picnic and camping areas; parking; a training site that could include office space, parking, camping, classroom/meeting space, a restroom, technical skills obstacles, and trails; additional maintenance space; a ranger station; a new interpretive facility;

communication or technology support facilities; and a helicopter landing site. These facilities would be developed over time as funding becomes available. Development of these facilities would include site-specific design and planning and each project would undergo additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The analysis contained in the Draft EIR found that significant and unavoidable air quality impacts would result from the adoption and implementation of the Preliminary General Plan. No other significant impacts are identified in the Draft EIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft EIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning April 23, 2015.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than June 8, 2015, to the following address:

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
c/o AECOM, attn. Carnegie SVRA General Plan
2020 L Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95811

Comments can also be submitted electronically at <http://www.CarnegieGeneralPlan.com/DEIR-comments>, or by e-mail at carnegiedeircomments@gmail.com.

The Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR may be viewed online at the following website: <http://www.CarnegieGeneralPlan.com>.

Hard copies of the Draft General Plan and Draft EIR may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

Carnegie SVRA
18600 W. Corral Hollow Road
Tracy, CA 95376

Carnegie SVRA Sector Office
15751 Tesla Road
Livermore, CA 94550

Tracy Public Library
20 East Eaton Avenue
Tracy, CA 95376

Livermore Public Library
1188 South Livermore Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

California Department of Parks and Recreation
OHMVR Division Headquarters
1725 23rd Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95816

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION: This notice will be published in the *Tracy Press* on Friday, April 24, 2015, and in *The Independent* on Thursday, April 23, 2015.