

## **Senate Bill 155 - Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. Public resources trailer bill**

Senate Bill 155 is a win-win for all Californians as it reiterates the importance of maintaining the area known as the Tesla-Expansion Area, currently part of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area, as part of the State Park system of open spaces for Californians to access and enjoy. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts will continue to enjoy recreational opportunities at Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area. California State Parks looks forward to the future planning of the Tesla-Expansion Area, including the classification and naming of the unit by the California State Park and Recreation Commission. Once the park unit has been classified, planning efforts can be initiated that identify new public recreational opportunities.

The passage of Senate Bill 155 also compensates State Parks (\$29.8M) for its investments in OHV projects at Carnegie SVRA and provides a new riding area in California. As stewards of California's natural and cultural resources, State Parks has the important responsibility to create a new state vehicular recreation area that is managed to the highest environmental standards in partnership with California's outdoor enthusiasts. State Parks appreciates the public's patience as it works through this process. Information will be shared with the public when it becomes available.

### **Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission – Removed the Sunset on the OHMVR Commission.**

Section 5090.15 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5090.15. (a) There is in the department the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission, consisting of nine members, five of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation, two of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and two of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(b) In order to be appointed to the commission, a nominee shall ~~represent one or more~~ **have expertise in and represent one** of the following ~~groups~~ **interests**:

- (1) Off-highway vehicle recreation ~~interests~~.
- (2) ~~Biological or soil scientists~~ **Environmental protection**.
- (3) ~~Groups or associations of predominantly rural landowners~~ **Motorized access to nonmotorized recreation**.
- (4) Law enforcement.
- (5) ~~Environmental protection organizations~~ **restoration**.

(6) Nonmotorized recreation interests **Health and safety.**

**(7) Rural landowners or residents.**

**(8) Biological or soil specializations.**

**(9) Public-at-large.**

~~(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that appointees to the commission represent all of the groups delineated in paragraphs (1) to (6) of subdivision (b), inclusive, to the extent possible.~~

**(c) Appointees to the commission shall represent one of the groups delineated in the priority order of paragraphs (1) to (9) of subdivision (b), inclusive, to the extent possible. When appointing a commissioner, the appointing authority shall make every effort to identify an individual who can fulfill a vacant category.**

**(d) When making appointments to the commission, the Governor, Senate Committee on Rules, and Speaker of the Assembly shall consider the places of residence and diversity of the members of the commission in order to ensure the commissioners represent the diversity of all Californians including appointments based on race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, disability, and other protected classifications pursuant to the Unruh Civil Rights Act.**

~~(d) (e) Whenever a reference is made to the State Park and Recreation Commission pertaining to a duty, power, purpose, responsibility, or jurisdiction of the State Park and Recreation Commission with respect to the state vehicular recreation areas, as established by this chapter, it is a reference to, and means, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission.~~

~~(e) By December 31, 2018, the department shall convene a stakeholder process to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding ways to implement this section. The stakeholder process may consider a variety of recommendations, including, but not limited to, ways to achieve a diverse commission, including the geographic diversity of California, as well as the diversity of all Californians, including, but not limited to, the special needs of all who participate in off-highway vehicular recreation, and ways to achieve diverse public participation in the commission process. The department shall submit these recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on or before January 1, 2020.~~

~~(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2023, and as of that date is repealed.~~