

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2014
8:07 a.m. to 5:49 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn
12603 Mariposa Road
Victorville, CA 92355

OHMVR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Paul Slavik, Chair
Diana Pérez, Vice Chair
E. Theodore Cabral
Breene Kerr
Kevin Murphy
Edward Patrovsky

OHMVR DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Conlin, Deputy Director
Phil Jenkins, Division Chief
Maria Mowrey, Administrative Chief
Kathryn Tobias, Legal Counsel

OTHER OHMVR STAFF AND REGISTERED VISITORS

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER – 8:07 A.M.

- (A) Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Pérez.
- (B) Roll Call – Six Commissioners present at time of roll call and one Commissioner absent. Two Commission member appointments vacant.

AGENDA ITEM II – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After a proposal by Chair Slavik to move the California Air Resources Board (CARB) report to the first item under program reports, motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Cabral and seconded by Commissioner Kerr. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM III (A) – APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2014 MINUTES

Motion to approve the February 28, 2014, minutes was made by Vice Chair Pérez and seconded by Commissioner Cabral. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM IV (A) – COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- Commissioner Patrovsky thanked everyone for the tour of the El Mirage Dry Lake OHV area.
- Commissioner Cabral reported on the following:
 - He thanked the BLM for the tour of El Mirage. He was glad to see how clean and well run the facility was.
 - He has been negotiating with the USFS regarding planning documents for three forests in California.
 - He has also been working with CARB on the emissions issues regarding Red Sticker vehicles.
- Vice Chair Pérez reported on the following:
 - She thanked the BLM and Division staff for the El Mirage tour.
 - She toured Clear Creek Management Area with Commissioner Cabral, Will Harris and Matthew Allen. She was pleased with the permitting process stating it was quick and easy.
 - She toured Oceano Dunes SVRA for the purpose of revisiting the ATV safety course and training facility. She expressed concerns about the possibility that this facility may be underutilized. Vice Chair Pérez was also troubled by the fact that someone could take the two-hour online ATV course offered by the State of Oregon, rent an ATV and ride without having hands-on training. She requested a report about ATV safety training at the September 2014 Commission meeting and suggested that the ATV Safety Institute and Dr. Larry Foreman, Arroyo Grande Community Hospital, be invited to the meeting to provide further information about these concerns.
- Commissioner Kerr reported on the following:
 - He scheduled a meeting with Santa Clara County Supervisor Chavez and the County Parks Director to discuss the County's long-term vision for the Santa Clara County Motorcycle Park (Metcalf). Commissioner Murphy will also attend the meeting.
 - He thanked everyone for the tour of El Mirage. He said it provides a good example of a properly run OHV area because it is cleaner, safer and more environmentally friendly than many other desert areas that are not designated for OHV recreation.

- Commissioner Murphy thanked the Friends of El Mirage and BLM staff for the tour and applauded them on their dedication to providing a model OHV recreation area. He and Commissioner Kerr would like to make a short video about Hollister Hills SVRA showcasing the management of the park. The video would be used as an educational tool when discussing OHV recreation with politicians and the public.

Deputy Director Conlin agreed that a video of Hollister Hills SVRA would be beneficial. He thanked Commissioner Kerr for his involvement in looking at expansion possibilities at Metcalf. With regard to the online ATV class offered by the State of Oregon, Deputy Director Conlin said that only adults could participate in the online training and receive a certificate. Children under the age of 16 are required to take a hands-on class before receiving their ATV safety certificate.

- Chair Slavik reported on the following:
 - He expressed his appreciation for the tour and thanked staff and volunteers for the work they have done at El Mirage.
 - On March 10, Greg Schumaker [OHV Training Coordinator] and Chair Slavik attended a Parks Forward meeting. They also met with Los Angeles County staff regarding urban parks.
 - He has been working with Los Angeles County staff to reinstate Beach Play Day. Beach Play Day was held at Huntington State Beach a number of years ago. It provided an opportunity for at-risk kids to spend the day at the beach, learn to ride ATVs in a controlled environment, and participate in numerous other activities.
 - On March 18, he participated in a pre-tour of El Mirage with Brian Robertson.
 - He drafted a letter to Mike Antonovich regarding the proposed Littlerock OHV area located in Los Angeles County.
 - He attended a State Parks Foundation dinner on March 27. Chairmen of the Historic Preservation Commission, State Park and Recreation Commission and Boating and Waterways Commission also attended this event. It was the first time all four Commission Chairmen attended this event.
 - He attended an electric vehicle presentation and discussion at Hungry Valley SVRA on April 17.
 - On April 28, he attended a meeting to discuss the possibility of using Dockweiler Beach for a Beach Play Day event.
 - He has been working with Dan Canfield and Commissioner Villegas to draft a letter for submittal to the Parks Forward Commission and Governor's Office expressing the Commission's position on urban parks and requesting the Division make it a priority in its day-to-day operations.
 - He expressed his desire to attend the Outdoor Recreation Professionals Conference in San Francisco on May 14. Dan Canfield, OHMVR Division

Planning Manager, was giving a 90-minute presentation about the OHMVR program to a national audience of park professionals.

AGENDA ITEM IV (A) – COMMISSIONERS’ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Cabral reported that a letter was submitted protesting the Record of Decision regarding the Clear Creek Management Area.

He requested a Staff Report about the Statewide Motorized Trails program at the September Commission meeting. He would also like information on the economic impacts other states have seen as a result of similar programs. A discussion was held on the possibility of publishing a map showing existing routes.

AGENDA ITEM V (A) – BUSINESS ITEM – DRECP REPORT

Connie Latham, State Parks DRECP Coordinator, presented a report on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP).

The DRECP is a multi-agency planning effort that identifies lands for renewable energy development while minimizing environmental impacts. The plan area encompasses more than 22.5 million acres over seven counties with 20-plus agencies involved in the planning process. Approximately 11 million acres is administered by the BLM.

There are four key agencies involved in the development of the plan—BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Energy Commission. The three main components of the DRECP include the BLM land use plan amendments, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service general conservation plan, covering private land only, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife natural communities conservation plan, which covers both federal and private land. The DRECP also requires preparation of an environmental impact statement/environmental impact report.

The DRECP goal is to create 20,000 megawatts of energy by 2040. Approximately 250,000 to 300,000 acres of renewable energy development will be needed to meet the 2040 goal. The DRECP covers renewable energy projects over 20 megawatts in size in the plan area plus associated transmission activities both inside and outside the plan area. Development Focus Areas (DFAs) with less biological, cultural and recreational sensitivities have been identified as priority development sites. The permitting process within the DFAs will be streamlined.

There are 127 state parks within the DRECP area. Because of preexisting recreation in these areas, they have been preserved and protected. The Eastern Kern County Acquisition property also falls within this preserved and protected status.

The BLM land use plan amendments will designate national conservation lands, areas of critical environmental concern (ACEC), wildlife allocations, and special recreation management areas (SRMA). A key statement in the worksheets prepared by the BLM indicates that renewable energy is not compatible within the ACECs and the SRMAs. Connie noted BLM Director Jim Kenna has stated that DFAs would not impact Johnson Valley, Stoddard, Dumont Dunes, etc. However, surface development could occur on BLM land within Ocotillo Wells SVRA where renewable energy leases currently exist.

Ms. Latham stated the release of the draft plan was scheduled for late spring/summer 2014. Suggested public involvement by the DRECP team includes reviewing the DRECP Gateway, a web-based mapping tool; joining the ListServ; attending public meetings; and submitting comments on the DRECP public draft.

In response to a Commissioner Kerr's question about zoning, Ms. Latham assured the Commission and the public that counties will retain their land decision rights within the county's jurisdiction.

In response to Commissioner Cabral's inquiry about the environmental process regarding the transmission lines throughout the state, Ms. Latham stated that the process would be streamlined and limited to corridors associated with the DRECP.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DRECP REPORT

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
- Ed Waldheim, California Trail Users Coalition, Friends of Jawbone, and Friends of El Mirage
- John Stewart, California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs
- Almut Fleck

AGENDA ITEM V (B) – BUSINESS ITEM – REVIEW OF COMMISSION COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIPS

OHMVR Division Planning Manager, Dan Canfield, presented a report on Commission committees. The report identified two types of committees that can be formed by the Commission. The first is a standing committee that requires at least three members so they can make motions, vote on items, and exercise independent authority. Standing committee meetings must be publicly noticed. The second is a special or ad hoc committee that is formed to deal with a specific issue or task, and once completed, the committee ceases to exist. Ad hoc committees can have less than three members because the committee cannot exercise any authority.

A list of active and inactive ad hoc committees was presented to the Commissioners. The Commission took the following actions regarding the committee list:

- Commission Policies and Procedures: Deleted
- Acquisition: Combined with Urban Parks
- Private Property Interface: No change; leave membership vacant at this time
- Education members: Vice Chair Pérez (existing) and Commissioner Murphy (added)
- BLM Liaison members: Commissioners Patrovsky and Cabral (added)
- USFS Liaison members: No change; Commissioner Cabral (existing)
- Awards and Clubs Liaison: Deleted
- Commission Triennial Report: Deleted
- Alternative Energy: Deleted
- Feinstein Bill: Deleted
- Clear Creek Management Area members: No change; Vice Chair Pérez and Commissioner Cabral (existing)
- Red Sticker members: Commissioner Cabral (existing) Vice Chair Pérez (added)
- ATV Safety members: Vice Chair Pérez (existing) and Commissioner Murphy (added)
- Cost Recovery members: No change; Chair Slavik and Commissioner Villegas (existing)
- Events member: No change; Commissioner Kerr (existing)
- 150th Anniversary member: No change; Chair Slavik (existing)
- Statewide Motorized Trail members: No change; Commissioners Murphy and Cabral (existing)
- Recreational Trails Program: Deleted
- Eldorado National Forest 42 Routes SEIS Draft Letter members: No change; Chair Slavik and Commissioner Cabral (existing)
- Special OHV License Plate members: No change; Chair Slavik and Commissioner Kerr (existing)
- Urban Parks: Combined with Acquisitions; no membership change; Chair Slavik and Commissioner Villegas (existing)
- Law Enforcement: New; Vice Chair Pérez and Commissioner Patrovsky

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REVIEW OF COMMISSION COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIPS REPORT

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Doug Parham
- Ed Waldheim, California Trail Users Coalition, Friends of Jawbone, and Friends of El Mirage

After a brief discussion about law enforcement issues, a Law Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee was created. Vice Chair Pérez and Commissioner Patrovsky were appointed as members of the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Almut Fleck
- Mark McFarland
- Paul Pearson
- Chris Real
- Victoria Fuller
- Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
- Doug Parham
- Tom Bea
- Jenny Wilder
- Phil Klasky, Alliance for Responsible Recreation
- Eva Vykydal, Community Off-Road Watch
- Jim Krob
- Calvin Moss
- Ed Waldheim, California Trail Users Coalition, Friends of Jawbone, and Friends of El Mirage
- John Stewart, California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs
- James Lynn
- Randy Jordan
- Randy Banis
- Linda Wucherpfenning, California Off-Road Vehicle Association
- Dave Pickett, District 36, Motorcycle Sports Committee
- Nick Haris, American Motorcyclist Association

AGENDA ITEM V (C) – BUSINESS ITEM – EASTERN KERN COUNTY AND FRAZIER PARK ACQUISITIONS

OHMVR Division Planning Manager, Dan Canfield, presented a report on two OHMVR Division acquisition projects in Kern County. The Eastern Kern County acquisition is approximately 25,000 acres near the Jawbone Canyon OHV area. The Frazier Park acquisition is 845 acres contiguous with Hungry Valley SVRA near the community of Lebec.

The OHMVR Division and the OHMVR Commission are required to conduct a public hearing to receive input on proposed substantial acquisition projects. The proposed Frazier Park acquisition meets this requirement. A discussion ensued regarding the benefits of purchasing the property, and the potential for connectivity with OHV recreation opportunities in the Los Padres National Forest. After receiving public comment, Commissioner Cabral made a motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee to hold a public hearing on the proposed Frazier Park acquisition, Commission Kerr seconded

the motion. Motion passed. Chair Slavik and Commissioner Kerr were appointed as members of the committee. The public hearing was tentatively scheduled for the end of June.

A brief discussion was held regarding the status of the Eastern Kern County acquisition. Mr. Canfield informed the Commission that the Division recently contracted for a new property appraisal at request of the Department of General Services. The new appraisal was expected to be completed by the end of August.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE EASTERN KERN COUNTY AND FRAZIER PARK ACQUISITIONS REPORT

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Mesonika Piecuch
- Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
- Jenny Wilder
- Ed Waldheim, California Trail Users Coalition, Friends of Jawbone, and Friends of El Mirage
- John Stewart, California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs

AGENDA ITEM VI (C) (3) – PROGRAM REPORTS – CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD OHV UPDATE

Cassie Lopina, California Air Resources Control Board (CARB), presented a report on the Red Sticker off-highway motorcycle (OHMC) assessment. CARB controls emissions from a wide range of mobile sources, including OHVs. To meet federally mandated air quality goals, additional emission reductions are needed from all sources. In July 2013, CARB adopted new standards to control evaporative emissions from Green Sticker OHVs. They also expressed concerns with Red Sticker OHMCs and directed CARB staff to conduct an assessment to better understand the usage, activity, and emissions of Red Sticker OHMCs.

Initial OHV regulations had two categories of vehicles. The compliant or Green Sticker vehicles that are permitted to operate year round on public and private land, and exempt race-only OHVs that are limited to closed-course operation. In 1998, a third category (the Red Sticker OHV) was created to allow manufacturers more time to meet the 1994 exhaust standards and to avoid a shortage of OHVs available in California. Red Sticker OHVs are subject to limited-use restrictions and are prohibited on public land and ozone non-attainment areas during the summer.

CARB has three major concerns with the Red Sticker Program: (1) the increase in Red Sticker OHMC sales; (2) high evaporative emissions, especially from two-stroke model OHMCs; and (3) the challenges public agencies face managing the Red Sticker

Program. One purpose of the assessment is to determine why there is an increase in Red Sticker OHMCs despite their limited-use restrictions.

A 2010 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report confirmed that two-stroke OHMCs had 28 times greater exhaust emissions than the 2018 compliant OHMC, and evaporative emissions were 15 times greater than the 2018 Green Sticker OHMC emission standards. The four-stroke OHMCs that were tested had much lower emissions and were close to meeting the current Green Sticker standards.

Ms. Lopina presented a chart detailing ATV and OHMC sales data from 2005 to 2012 that showed a marked decline in ATV Red Sticker sales since 2006, and zero sales of Red Sticker ATVs over the past three years. The opposite trend is occurring for Red Sticker OHMCs with the percentage of sales nearly doubling over the past four years. Red Sticker OHMCs constitute 25 percent of the OHMC population with approximately 58 percent being four-stroke.

A major component of the OHMC assessment is exhaust and evaporative emissions testing of new and used OHMCs. Two- and four-stroke OHMCs manufactured between 2004 and 2012 with carbureted and fuel-injected systems will be included in the testing process. The OHMVR Division, AMA, CORVA, and the Motorcycle Industry Council have selected representatives to attend the testing.

An independent scientific survey of OHMC owners will be conducted by California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). Survey participants will be randomly selected from the Green Sticker, Red Sticker, and dual sport DMV databases. The survey request will offer a free SVRA day use pass for completed responses. Survey answers will provide CARB staff with a better understanding of how the Red Sticker Program limits OHMC operation.

A series of workshops have been held to obtain input from and share ideas with the public and stakeholders. Additional workshops are planned to provide stakeholders with an update on the progress of the OHMC assessment and give them an opportunity to preview the data that will be presented to the Board at the November 2014 meeting. Depending on the Board's direction, CARB staff plans to propose a comprehensive solution in December 2015. They anticipate any proposed regulation would apply only to new OHVs and would give manufacturers a three- to five-year phase-in period.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD OHV REPORT

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Nick Haris, American Motorcyclist Association
- Ed Waldheim, California Trail Users Coalition, Friends of Jawbone, and Friends of El Mirage

- John Stewart, California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs
- Dave Pickett, District 36, Motorcycle Sports Committee

AGENDA ITEM VI (A) – PROGRAM REPORTS – BLM UPDATE

Jane Arteaga, OHV Lead, BLM, acknowledged and thanked the BLM staff members and the volunteers and partner organizations for the work they do to help manage BLM lands. She also announced that nominations for the BLM Desert Advisory Council subcommittees were due May 2, 2014.

JoAnn Schiffer Burdett, Outdoor Recreation Planner, California Desert District, presented a brief overview of the process involved in obtaining Special Recreation Permits (SRPs). SRPs are authorizations that allow for specific uses on federal lands and issued as a means to manage public use and resources, and accommodate commercial use. There are five types of SRPs—competitive, commercial, organized group activities, vending, and Special areas. The only designated Special areas in the California Desert District are the long-term visitor areas.

In 2011, the BLM in California issued the most permits for organized, commercial, and competitive groups. The Desert District issued over 90 percent of those permits and 99 percent of the vending permits.

Katrina Symons, Barstow Field Manager, provided an update on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area. On December 26, 2013, the National Defense Authorization Act was signed into law. The Act established the first congressionally-designated national off-highway vehicle area—the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area. In collaboration with personnel from Twentynine Palms, BLM staff has been developing the charter for the Resource Management Group, and the proper methodology for on-the-ground boundary identification and marking. In addition, the team identified preliminary locations for the two required company objective sites located within the shared use management area.

A public informational meeting held on May 7, 2014, at the Yucca Valley Community Center would provide the public with a status update on the implementation process.

Ms. Symons thanked the OHMVR Division law enforcement and outreach teams for their assistance at the 2014 King of the Hammers event. Approximately 45,000 spectators attended the event.

A brief discussion was held on potential impacts the new boundaries and company objective areas will have on future events held at Johnson Valley.

Rose Beardshear, BLM Barstow Field Office, presented a recap of the tour of El Mirage Dry Lake OHV Area. She also provided an overview of the education, outreach, and volunteer programs at El Mirage.

AGENDA ITEM VI (B) – PROGRAM REPORTS – USFS UPDATE

Ramiro Villalvazo, Director for Public Services, Region Five, USFS, reported on the following items:

- The Six Rivers National Forest released its Draft Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in early April.
- An EIS is being prepared for Lassen, Plumas, Tahoe, Eldorado, and Stanislaus National Forests to review the snow grooming practices on these forests.
- Three national forests, the Inyo, Sierra, and Sequoia, the “early adopters,” are undergoing plan revisions under the 2012 planning rule.
- The USFS and Quiet Warrior Racing are exploring solutions to reduce Over Snow Vehicle sounds on national forest lands.
- Soils consultant R.J. Poff and Associates and Region Five are developing best management practices for trails greater than 50 inches wide.
- Stanislaus National Forest is developing strategies to address a judge’s order associated with the application of travel management criteria.

A brief discussion ensued regarding endangered species and possible breeding programs to restore them to their historical habitat areas.

Jody Noiron, USFS Supervisor, San Bernardino National Forest, presented a report on the Baldy Mesa OHV grants application project. In 2011, the Forest was awarded a planning grant to designate a road and trail system in the Baldy Mesa area. During the 2013/2014 grants cycle, the Forest submitted applications for development and law enforcement grants. The Southern California Mountains Foundation submitted a companion grant application for restoration and education and safety. Ms. Noiron presented a map illustrating the current system of trails and the proposed road and trail system and new staging area.

Dr. Bill Sapp, Forest Archaeologist, San Bernardino National Forest, discussed the cultural richness of Baldy Mesa including the portion of the Mormon Road that runs through area. The development plan includes resource protection measures for the archaeological sites and the Mormon Road.

A discussion ensued about the cultural and biological resources in the Baldy Mesa area and the challenges involved with protecting those resources.

Sarah Miggins, Executive Director, Southern California Mountains Foundation, discussed volunteer activities and the goals of the Foundation.

Rick Lavello, Program Director, Southern California Mountains Foundation, Off-Highway Vehicle Volunteer Program, spoke about the program and presented a slideshow highlighting some of the volunteer projects. The volunteer program objectives are to provide conservation education to OHV enthusiasts, unite concerned individuals in safe, sensible use of OHVs in responsible motorized recreation on public lands, and promote continued enjoyment of the forests and public lands year after year for generations to come.

Greg Hoffman, OHV Program Manager, San Bernardino National Forest, presented an overview of the Adopt-a-Trail Program. The program has become a model for other forest programs throughout the United States.

Beth Boyce, Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Program Manager, USFS, presented a brief overview of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) program. The PCT, designated in 1968, is 2,650 miles long and follows the crest of the Sierra and Cascade Mountains from Mexico to Canada. It crosses 25 national forest units, six national parks, and five California State Parks.

AGENDA ITEM VI (C) (1) – PROGRAM REPORTS – DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT – LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE, PACIFIC CREST TRAIL PARTNERSHIPS AND KIOSK PROJECT

Brian Robertson, OHMVR Division Law Enforcement Section, reported on the status of the PCT education panels and kiosk project.

Phil Klasky discussed the process and challenges involved with developing the education panels for the PCT. He thanked Deputy Director Conlin, the OHMVR Division Law Enforcement staff, and OHV and non-OHV groups for their continued involvement with, and support of, the education efforts regarding illegal riding on the PCT.

Shannon Drayton, speaking on behalf of an OHV recreationist group of local landowners, expressed her appreciation for the education and law enforcement efforts that have been made to help all interested parties find solutions to the trespass and illegal riding issues on the PCT.

Mesonika Piecuch, Executive Director, ORV Watch Kern County, presented a slideshow on OHV trespass and illegal riding on the PCT. She thanked AMA District 37 and CORVA for their zero tolerance policy for illegal OHV activities, and acknowledged Jerry Grabow and Ed Waldheim for their efforts to reduce trespass and illegal riding.

A discussion ensued regarding additional steps that could be taken to educate the public about trespass and illegal riding.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BLM, USFS, AND PCT REPORTS

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Steve Hunter
- Bruce Chitea
- Elizabeth Varner
- Sumner Miller
- Mark Walsh
- Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
- Jenny Wilder
- Victoria Fuller
- Ed Waldheim, California Trail Users Coalition, Friends of Jawbone, and Friends of El Mirage
- John Stewart, California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs
- Harold Gabriel
- Doug Parham

AGENDA ITEM VI (C)(2) – DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT – GENERAL PROGRAM UPDATE, CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA

Dan Canfield, OHMVR Division Planning Manager, presented a report on the BLM Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA). The Commission submitted a letter of appeal protesting the February 12, 2014, Record of Decision. On April 3, 2014, Vice Chair Pérez, Commissioner Cabral, Will Harris, and Matthew Allen toured the serpentine ACEC portion of the CCMA. The BLM response to the letters of appeal was expected to be issued on or around May 12, 2014.

AGENDA ITEM VI (C)(2) – DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT – GENERAL PROGRAM UPDATE, GRANTS PROGRAM

George MacDougall, OHMVR Division Grant Administrator, presented an update on the Grants Program. For the first time since SB 742, restoration grant applications exceeded the funding allocated for restoration projects. A total of 217 preliminary grant applications were received for the 2013/2014 grants cycle. The Intent to Award would be posted on the Division’s website on June 2, 2014 with the appeals period ending on July 3, 2014.

AGENDA ITEM VI (C)(2) – DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT – GENERAL PROGRAM UPDATE, LEGISLATION UPDATE

Tina Williams, Superintendent for Public Relations and Communications, OHMVR Division, noted the location of the legislation update in the Commissioners’ binders.

After a brief discussion about possible locations for the September Commission meeting, Commissioner Kerr made a motion, and Commissioner Patrovsky seconded, to adjourn the Commission at 5:49 p.m. Motion carried.