



CLAY PIT

STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA
General Plan

Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area General Plan and Environmental Impact Report

Public Meeting #3: Alternatives Workshop and Scoping Meeting

September 14, 2010



Planning Team Introductions



- California State Parks Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
- AECOM



Meeting Outline



- Planning Team Introductions
- Purpose of Meeting
- Planning Framework
- Environmental Review Process
- Project Sequence
- Proposed Development Concepts
- Opportunities for Public Input
- Public Comments



Purpose of Meeting



- Provide information on the General Plan and environmental review process
- Hear ideas regarding topics for environmental analysis
- Obtain feedback on possible recreation facilities
- Discuss alternative ideas



Clay Pit SVRA Location Map



Planning Framework: OHMVR Mission



The Mission of the OHMVR Division is to provide leadership statewide in the area of off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation; to acquire, develop, and operate state owned vehicular recreation areas (SVRAs), and to otherwise provide for a statewide system of managed OHV recreational opportunities through funding to other public agencies. To ensure that quality recreational opportunities remain available for future generations by providing for education, conservation, and enforcement efforts that balance OHV recreation impact with programs that conserve and protect cultural and natural resources.



Planning Framework: What is a State Vehicular Recreation Area?



- Park for off-highway vehicle recreation
- Operated by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of California State Parks
- Can include:
 - Trails, tracks, and other OHV recreation opportunities
 - Additional facilities such as picnic areas and restrooms
 - Interpretive and educational activities
 - Natural or cultural resource preservation features



Planning Framework : What is a General Plan?



- The General Plan is a management document which
 - Guides development of the SVRA
 - Establishes a long-term vision and goals
 - Directs management, resource stewardship, and public use
 - Sets priorities for funding improvement projects



Planning Framework: General Plan Content



- Introduction
- Existing Conditions
 - e.g. resources, recreation interpretation/education, facilities
 - opportunities, and constraints
- Issues and Analysis
- Park Plan
 - Classification
 - Vision
 - Goals and Guidelines
- Environmental Analysis



Environmental Review Process



- General Plan is a “project” subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- A program-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (with some project-level elements) will be prepared at the same time as the General Plan



Environmental Review Process



- Your comment is sought on environmental issues, alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be addressed in the EIR





Project Sequence

We are here



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- Assess and document existing conditions
- Identify and inform stakeholders
- Public Meeting #1 – Introduction to General Plan Process (June 7)
- Develop conceptual draft diagram
- Public Meeting #2 – On-site workshop (Aug 28)
 - Flexible “drop-in” style
 - Receive feedback on conceptual draft diagram
- Develop alternatives for site use
- Public Meeting #3 (tonight)
- Select preferred development alternative



Project Sequence (continued)



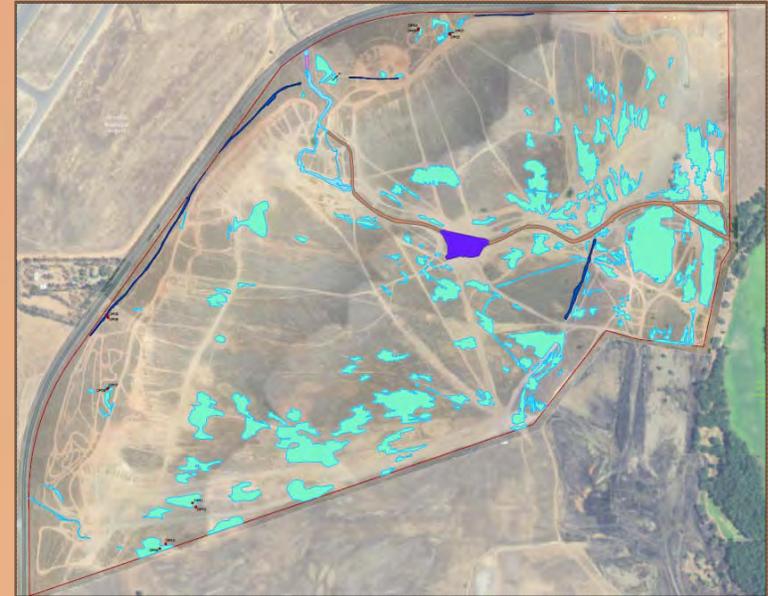
- Develop policy guidance in Preliminary General Plan (GP)
- Review potential environmental impacts of implementing the General Plan in environmental impact report (EIR)
- Release Preliminary GP/Draft EIR for public review
- Receive public comments on draft document
- Release Final GP/EIR



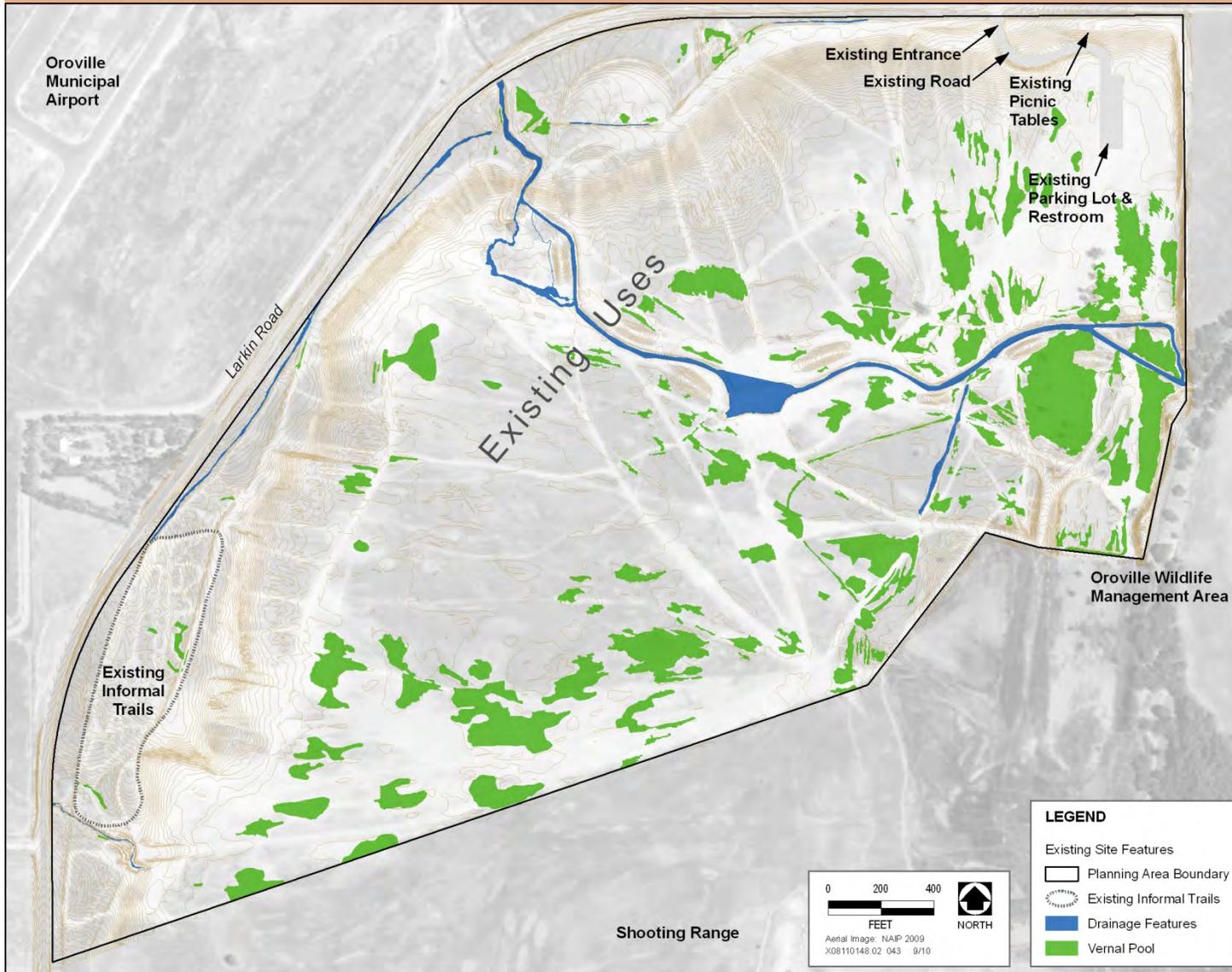
Steps to Date



- Assessment of existing conditions (e.g. natural and cultural resources, traffic, noise)
- Preliminary identification of issues
- Project website development
- Public outreach
- User survey
- Stakeholder interviews
- Fact Sheet
- Newsletter
- Development of alternatives for public input



Existing Conditions



Existing Conditions Diagram

Existing Uses

- Hill climbs
- Informal rock crawl
- Open riding
- Informal trails

LEGEND

Existing Site Features

- Planning Area Boundary
- ⋯ Existing Informal Trails
- Drainage Features
- Vernal Pool

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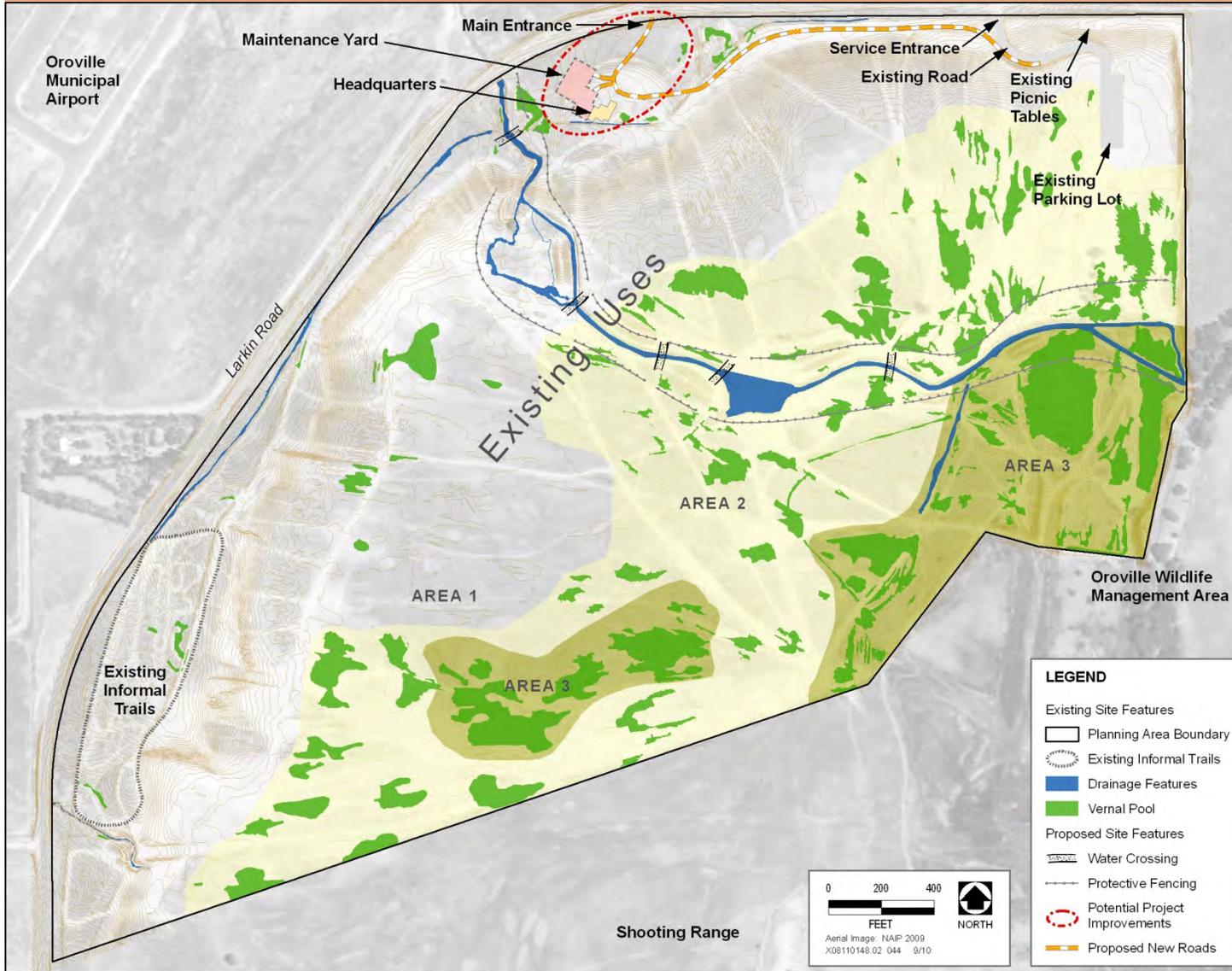
Proposed Development Concepts



- Three draft alternatives
 - Limited Development
 - Partial Development
 - Full Development



Alternative 1 – Limited Development



Draft Conceptual Diagram Alternative 1 - Limited Development

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Use Areas

Area 1 (Developed Use Area)

The developed use area would be most appropriate for built facilities like tracks, parking lots, staging areas, and obstacle courses because it contains desirable topographic features and fewer natural resources. The OHMVR Division also is planning to construct a building for on-site rangers and maintenance facilities within this use area.

Area 2 (Open Recreation Area)

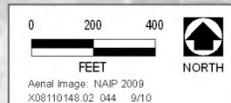
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Area 3 (Conservation Area)

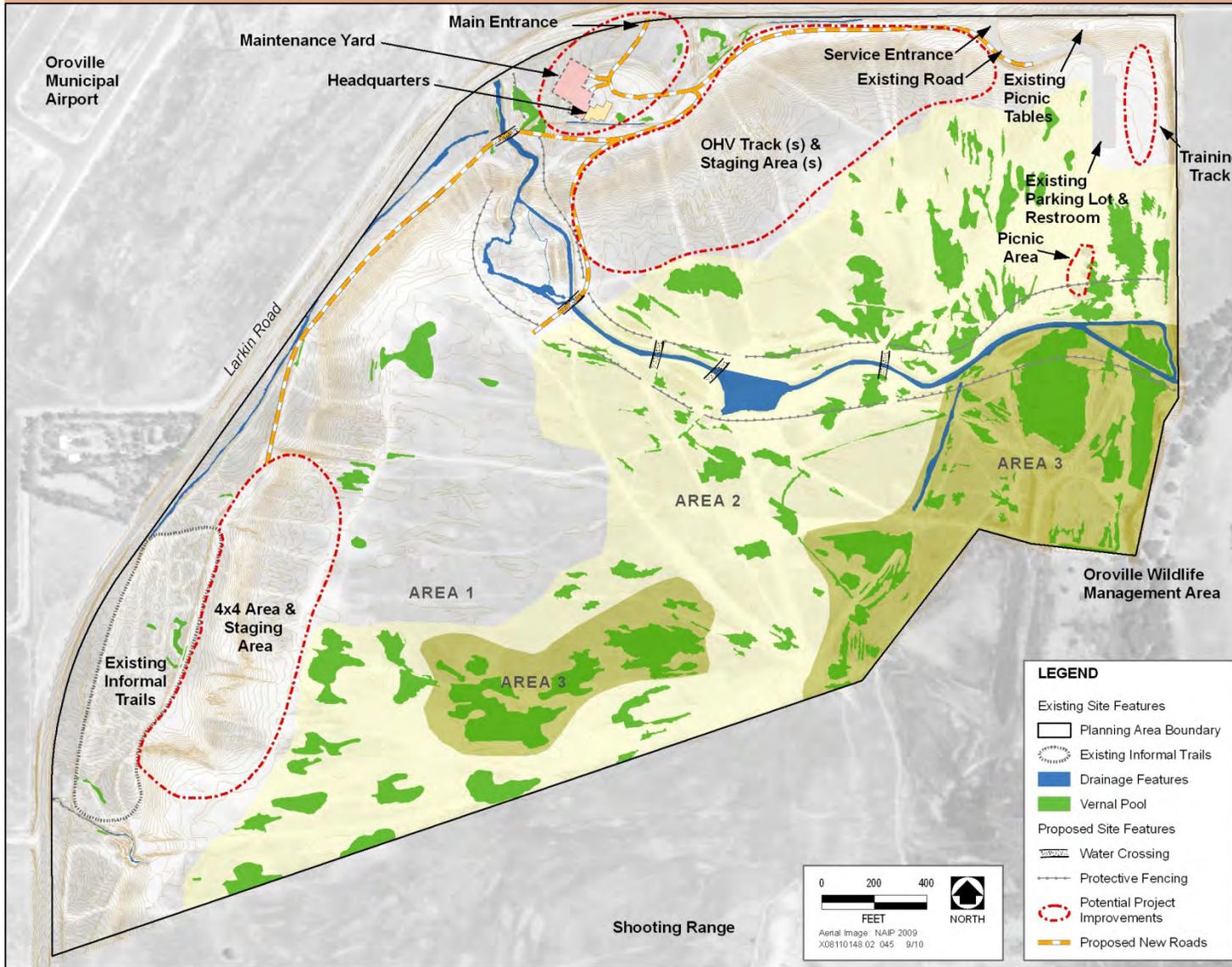
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- Planning Area Boundary
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 - ▬ Drainage Features
 - Vernal Pool
- Proposed Site Features
- ▬ Water Crossing
 - ▬ Protective Fencing
 - ⋯ Potential Project Improvements
 - ▬ Proposed New Roads



Alternative 2 – Partial Development



Draft Conceptual Diagram Alternative 2 - Partial Development

OHV Tracks

- Motorcycle track
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Training Track

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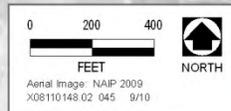
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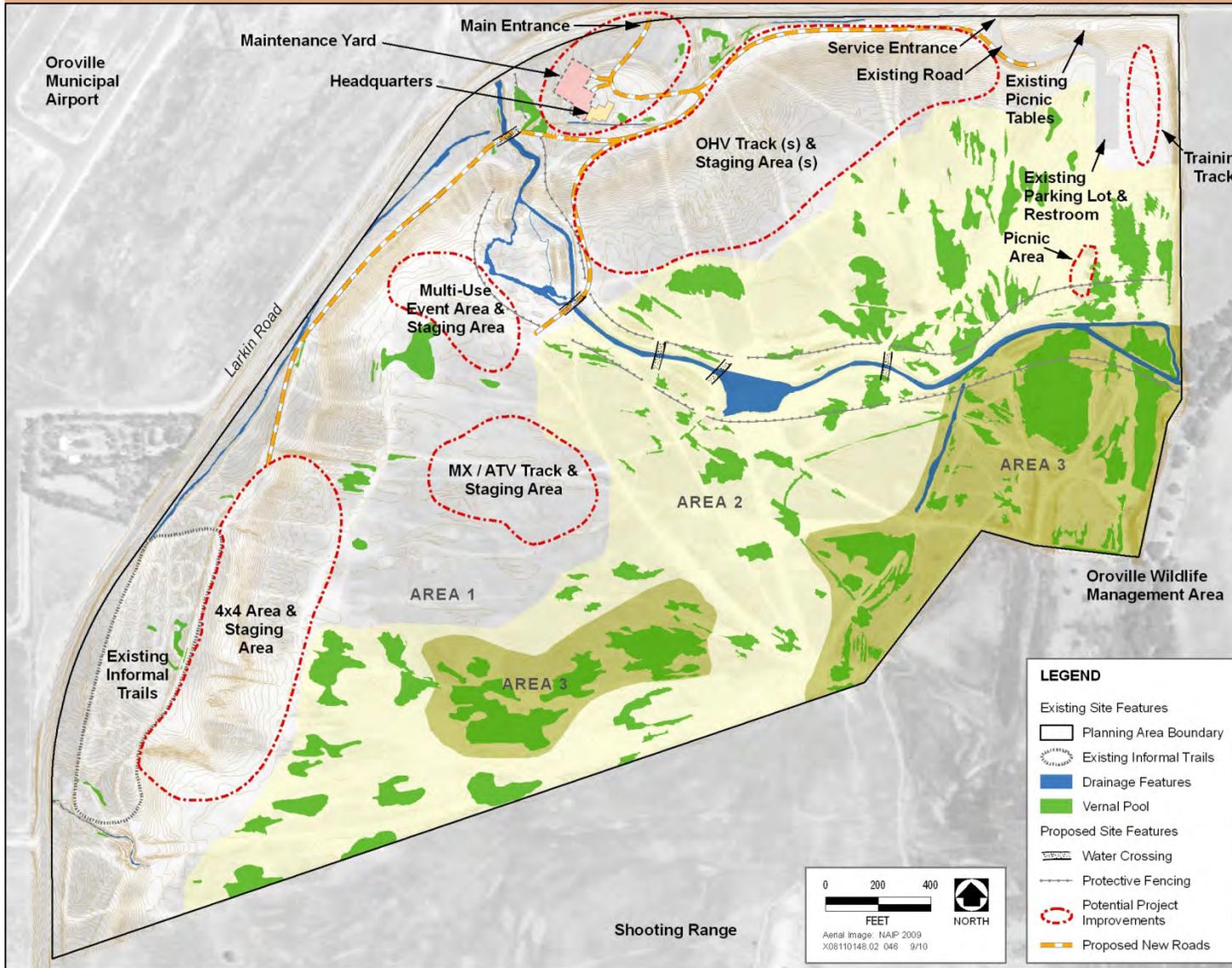
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Opportunities for Public Input



- Public Meeting #3 – Tonight
- Project website: ohv.parks.ca.gov/claypit
- Survey: On project website or in hard copy tonight
- General Plan/EIR mailing list – sign up tonight or on survey



Thank you!

