

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**  
**DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**  
**FOR THE OCEANO DUNES SVRA DUST CONTROL PROGRAM**

**TO:** County Clerks; State Clearinghouse; Responsible Agencies; Trustee Agencies; Federal Agencies with potential approval authority; Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** **Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Dust Control Program, State Clearinghouse No. 2012121008**

**LEAD AGENCY:** California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR)  
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Notice is hereby given that the OHMVR Division has prepared a Draft Program EIR for the Program identified above and is requesting comments on the content of this Draft Program EIR.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Southwest San Luis Obispo (SLO) County – Oceano Dunes SVRA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The OHMVR Division of CDPR proposes to implement a five-year program (Program) to control and minimize emissions of dust and particulate matter (PM) that are generated at Oceano Dunes SVRA during periods of strong, persistent winds and subsequently blown downwind of the SVRA and onto the Nipomo Mesa. Oceano Dunes SVRA is located in southwestern SLO County, approximately twelve miles south of the City of SLO, within the Coastal Zone established by the California Coastal Act. The SVRA borders and is contiguous with parts of Pismo State Beach. The two parks provide public access to beaches and other coastal recreation opportunities, including off-highway motor vehicle (OHV) recreation in certain designated areas. The OHMVR Division has applied for a Master Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission, Central Coast District, for the Program because it involves development in the Coastal Zone.

The OHMVR Division would accomplish this Program by planting vegetation and deploying seasonal dust control measures such as wind fencing (or equivalent control measures) at Oceano Dunes SVRA. Planting vegetation and deploying seasonal dust control measures would occur annually. The OHMVR Division would plant approximately 20 acres of native dune vegetation, and deploy approximately 40 acres of seasonal dust control measures per year for a period of five years (seasonal measures could be installed as early as March 1 and removed as late as September 30). These activities would take place on approximately 690 acres of land within Oceano Dunes SVRA that are located upwind of the Nipomo Mesa. The SLO County Air Pollution Control District and OHMVR Division studies have identified this area as the area most likely area influencing air quality downwind of Oceano Dunes SVRA. Dust and meteorological monitoring to support these activities would occur as part of the Program. The OHMVR Division

would also install track-out prevention devices (grooved concrete panels) on Grand Avenue in the City of Grover Beach and Pier Avenue in the unincorporated community of Oceano. Finally, the OHMVR Division may plant trees in an approximately 295-acre area located immediately downwind of Oceano Dunes SVRA.

The proposed Dust Control Program Area includes a parcel of land located on a site enumerated under section 65962.5 of the Government Code (the Cortese list); however, the proposed program activities would not interfere with any remedial activity or exacerbate an existing or potential release of a hazardous substance that could endanger human health or the environment.

**ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The Draft Program EIR identifies a potentially significant impact related to noise at residences resulting from the installation of a track-out prevention device (grooved concrete panel) at the Pier Avenue entrance to Oceano Dunes SVRA. Mitigation is proposed and would reduce the potentially significant noise impact to a less than significant level.

The Draft EIR also identifies one potentially significant impact related to recreation (limit and interfere with coastal vehicular recreation opportunities) and two potentially significant impacts related to land use (conflict with the Pismo Dunes [now Oceano Dunes] SVRA General Development Plan and Resource Management Plan and conflict with the California Coastal Act). Mitigation is proposed but impacts to recreation and land use would remain significant and unavoidable on both a program- and cumulative-level.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** The Draft EIR is available for public review and comment for **45 days, beginning August 2, 2016. Please send your written response by the earliest possible date, but no later than September 16, 2016.** Please send your written response to Ronnie Glick, Senior Environmental Scientist, at the address shown above, or via email to [OHVinfo@parks.ca.gov](mailto:OHVinfo@parks.ca.gov) (enter "Oceano Dunes SVRA Dust Control Draft Program EIR" in the "Subject" line).

**Public Meeting Location:** The OHMVR Division encourages all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend the public meeting for the Oceano Dunes SVRA Dust Control Program EIR on:

**Tuesday, August 23, 2016  
Ramona Garden Park Center  
993 Ramona Avenue, Grover Beach, CA  
6 pm – 8 pm**

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Draft EIR is available for review at the addresses shown below. The Draft EIR may also be reviewed or downloaded from the OHMVR Division website at the following address: <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/ohv-ceqa-notices>

- Oceano Dunes District Office  
340 James Way, Suite 270  
Pismo Beach, CA 93449
- Oceano Dunes SVRA Ranger Station  
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Oceano, CA 93445

DATE: August 1, 2016

  
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