



CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS · OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION

Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area

General Plan Update

Partially Recirculated Environmental Impact Report | Public Scoping Meeting

September 30, 2026 · 5:30 PM

Scoping period: September 17 – October 19, 2026

Introductions

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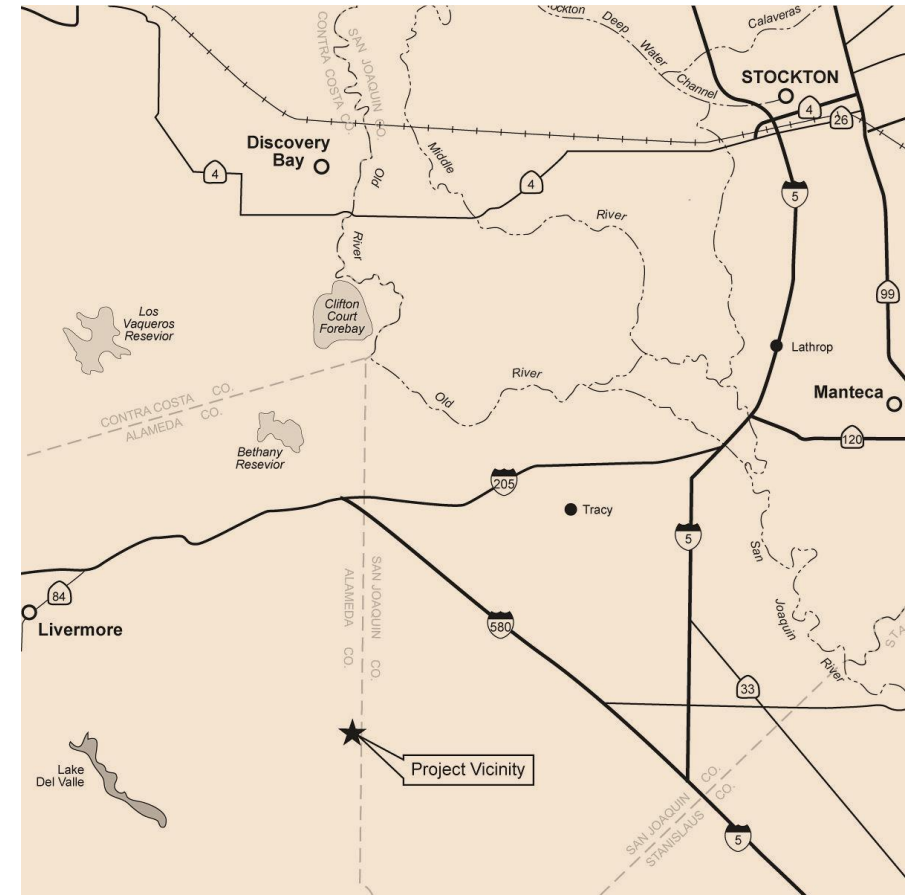
Agenda

- 1 Project Location and Background
- 2 Recirculation Requirements
- 3 Scope of the Partially Recirculated EIR
- 4 2024 EIR Findings and Focus of Recirculated EIR
- 5 How to Comment and Next Steps

This meeting is being recorded and the presentation will be uploaded to the project website.

Regional Location

- Unincorporated Alameda and San Joaquin Counties
- About 15 miles east of Livermore and 12 miles west of Tracy
- Lawrence Livermore Laboratory property to the north
- Open space and rural ranchland to the east, west, and south



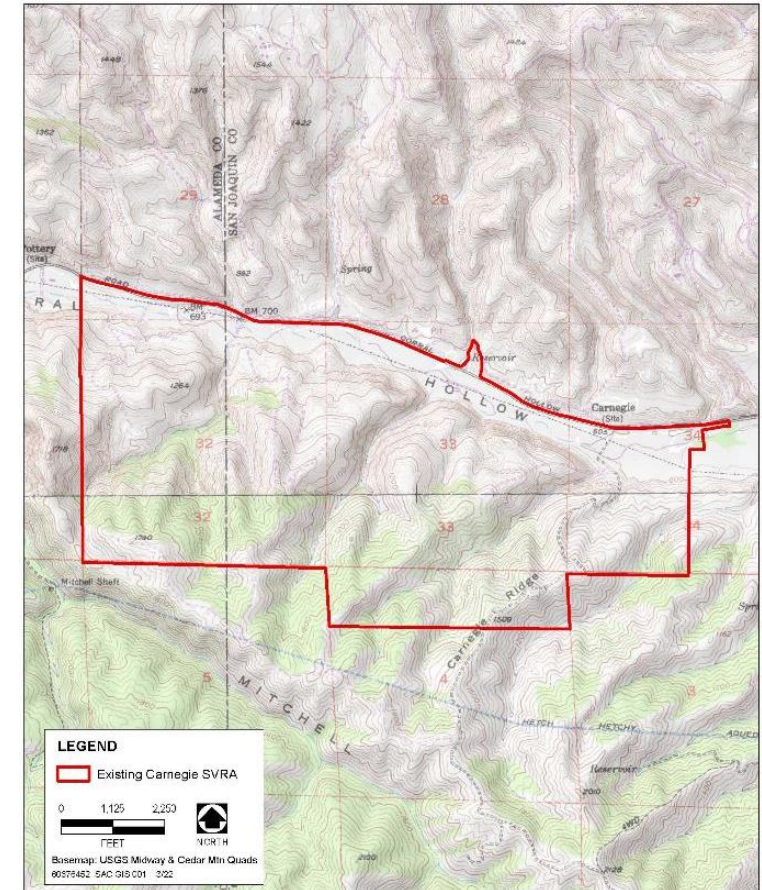
About Carnegie SVRA

- 1,533-acre off-highway vehicle (OHV) park
- Unincorporated Alameda and San Joaquin Counties
- OHV use since the 1940s; private motorcycle park from 1970 to 1979
- Purchased by State Parks around 1980 and added to the State Park System
- First General Plan approved in 1981



Carnegie SVRA General Plan Update

- A General Plan is the primary management document for each park unit within the State Park System, including SVRAs.
- A current General Plan is required prior to site-specific improvements at the SVRA (PRC Section 5002.2)
- Carnegie SVRA General Plan Update is limited to the original 1,533-acre Carnegie SVRA
- The General Plan Update establishes the ultimate purpose, vision, goals, and broad management guidelines for resource stewardship, visitor use, facilities, and operations.
- If re-approved, the General Plan Update will supersede the 1981 General Plan



Why the EIR Is Being Recirculated

October 24, 2024

OHMVR Commission certified the Final EIR and adopted the General Plan Update

Challenge filed

Connolly Ranch, Inc., et al. v. State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, et al. (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 24WM000175)

March 10, 2026

Court granted the petition for writ of mandate on the single ground that the EIR did not evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives, and denied the petition on all other grounds

June 17, 2026

OHMVR Commission rescinded certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the General Plan Update

Scope of the Partially Recirculated EIR

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, where revisions are limited to portions of an EIR, the lead agency need only recirculate the portions that have been modified.

Recirculated

- Alternatives chapter — revised to evaluate a reasonable range of potentially feasible alternatives
- Minor updates to Introduction and Executive Summary chapters to explain the regulatory background of the Recirculated EIR and update project status

Not recirculated

- Previously circulated substantive sections or chapters of the Draft EIR, published in January 2024
- Prior EIR analysis - incorporated by reference into Partially Recirculated EIR
- Prior planning documentation - remains part of the public record and available on the project website

2024 EIR Findings

- All resource areas other than air quality were less than significant; no mitigation was required
- Construction-related air quality impacts were less than significant
- Operational air quality impacts – significant impact due to fugitive dust emissions (PM10) in exceedance of annual San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District thresholds
- No feasible mitigation currently exists to reduce the operational air quality impacts to a less-than-significant level

Thus, operational air quality impacts were found significant and unavoidable

Source: Carnegie SVRA Draft EIR, January 2024 — Executive Summary and Section 3.3, Air Quality

Focus of the Revised Alternatives Chapter

The additional alternatives will focus on reducing the significant and unavoidable air quality impacts that would result from implementation of the General Plan Update.

- Each alternative must feasibly attain most of the basic project objectives while avoiding or substantially lessening the project's significant effects
- Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2), **public comments should address only the scope of those alternatives.**
- Comments on the Draft EIR were accepted during the prior comment period and responded to in the 2024 Final EIR

How to Submit Formal Comments

Comments accepted until 5:00 PM on October 19, 2026

By email

planning@parks.ca.gov

By mail

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Title

Include “Carnegie SVRA
General Plan Update” in the
title of your comment

Scope

Comment only on the scope of
the additional alternatives to
be analyzed in the Partially
Recirculated Draft EIR

Next Steps

- 1 Scoping comment period — September 17 to October 19, 2026
- 2 Prepare the Partially Recirculated EIR — revised Alternatives chapter
- 3 Public review of the Partially Recirculated EIR
- 4 OHMVR Commission considers the Partially Recirculated EIR together with the prior Final EIR
- 5 If certified, the Commission re-approves the General Plan Update and adopts related CEQA findings

Questions and Discussion

Please raise your hand and staff will unmute you, or use *5 if calling in by phone. Participants will be limited to 3 minutes.

Please limit your questions and discussion to those regarding the additional alternatives.

This is not an opportunity for formal comment on the NOP. Please provide formal scoping comments in writing to the contacts below to be included in the public record:

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