



## RESOLUTION OHV-24-01

Adopted by the  
CALIFORNIA OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION  
COMMISSION  
at a meeting conducted in  
Tracy, California  
October 24, 2024

### **Final Environmental Impact Report For Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area**

WHEREAS, the Director of California State Parks has presented to the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission (Commission) as the lead agency for approval of California State Park General Plan Updates, the proposed Draft General Plan Update (Plan) dated October 2024, and Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA); and

WHEREAS, the Plan covers the original 1,533-acre SVRA; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Plan is a discretionary decision that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared concurrent with the Plan, pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 5002.2 and the California Code of Regulations Section 15166 (CEQA Guidelines), providing a discussion of the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Plan and addressing all requirements of an EIR; and circulated to the public for the appropriate timeframe; and

WHEREAS the Plan is the "project" under CEQA, and the associated EIR functions as a "Program EIR" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, covering implementation of the Plan, including its goals and guidelines and land use designations; additional CEQA review will be conducted for each specific project envisioned in the Plan as the projects move forward; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes a detailed series of environmental protection measures within its goals and guidelines to avoid significant environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Impact 3.3-1 and Impact 3.3-2 of the Draft EIR, the operation of Carnegie SVRA as envisioned in the Plan, even with the implementation of goals and guidelines to reduce impacts, would have significant and unavoidable impacts associated with Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the Plan and operation of Carnegie SVRA include the following conditions that render acceptable the significant and unavoidable effects related to Air Quality:

- Carnegie SVRA is legislatively established and sited through Public Resource Code 5006.48, directing the California State Parks to operate Carnegie SVRA as an OHV recreation facility,
- Inherent in the operation of an OHV recreation facility are air quality impacts associated with OHV engine emissions and fugitive dust emissions,
- California State Parks is directed by Public Resources Code 5090.43(a) to make the fullest public use of outdoor recreational opportunities on SVRA lands,
- Carnegie SVRA is cleverly sited in a canyon with few sensitive receptors, primarily limited to intermittent SVRA staff housing and campgrounds,
- The General Plan Update provides Visitor Experience Areas that limit development and SVRA operations in the portions of Carnegie SVRA nearest to the neighboring community of Livermore, CA,
- Carnegie SVRA provides an OHV recreation destination in close proximity to the large East Bay urban centers, limiting the amount of emissions and carbon production associated with citizens traveling to and from the facility,
- OHV emissions are regulated at the state level through the California Air Resources Board Green/Red Sticker Registration Program;
- The General Plan Update contains a set of goals and guidelines to be implemented to reduce adverse impacts on air quality resulting from General Plan Implementation, as out lined in the attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).

WHEREAS, a Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations was made by the Director when he made the finding that a commitment to responsibly managing Carnegie SVRA to reduce air quality impacts during future operation and planning efforts outweighs the potential adverse air quality environmental effects required as a part of the approval of the Project; and

WHEREAS the General Plan Update is subject to the CEQA, and the Plan and EIR function as a “tiered EIR” pursuant to PRC 21093, covering general goals and objectives of the Plan, and that the appropriate level of CEQA review will be conducted for each project relying on the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission toured Carnegie SVRA on April 17, 2024, and October 23, 2024, and met in Hesperia, California, on February 1, 2024, to receive comments from the public on the EIR prepared for the Plan and

WHEREAS, the Commission met in Tracy, California, on October 24, 2024, to receive public comments and consider the Plan and related environmental documents for Carnegie SVRA for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this Commission has reviewed and considered the information and analysis in the Plan prior to approving the Plan, and

this Commission finds and certifies that the General Plan Update reflects the independent judgment and analysis of this Commission and has been completed in accordance with CEQA; and be it

RESOLVED: in connection with its review of the General Plan Update prior to approval, this Commission independently finds that the environmental conclusions contained in the Environmental Analysis Section of the Plan are supported by facts therein and that each fact in support of the findings is true and is based on substantial evidence in the record and that goals and guidelines have been incorporated into the Plan that will avoid significant or potentially significant impacts, with the exception of Air Quality Impact 3.3-1 and Impact 3.3-2; and be it

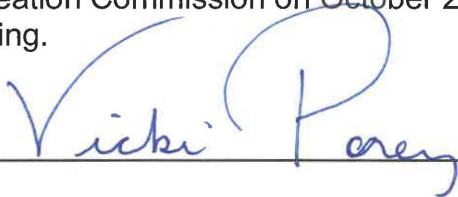
RESOLVED: The location and custodian of the General Plan Update and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which the Commission's decision is based with the Department of Parks and Recreation, located in the Natural Resources Agency building, Sacramento, California; and be it

RESOLVED: The California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission hereby certifies the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area State Park General Plan Update, dated October 2024; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: A Notice of Determination will be filed with the Office of Planning and Research within five days of this approval.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission on October 24, 2024, at the Commission's duly noticed public meeting.

By:



Date:

10/24/2024

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Secretary to the Commission  
For Armando Quintero, Director  
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