

**District 36 Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: Zoom (remote) May 18th, 2022**  
**Referee's Meeting 7:30PM – 8:30PM**

\*\*NOTES: If topic is not on the agenda, it will be added to the non-agenda items,  
if approved by the president for the next meeting\*\*

- Meeting Called to Order @ 7:32pm by Katie Pond (President)
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
  - o 15 of 25 Clubs/Promoters present
    - PRESENT: CERA, Hayward MC, MMX, NorCal MC, North Bay MC, Oakland MC, Polka Dots, Richmond Ramblers MC, Salinas Ramblers MC, WSRA, WDBRA, GOT, Dirt Diggers, Red Neck Roosters, Valley Climbers,
    - Lodi MC
  - o 40 of 67 Committeemen present
- Approve Minutes (March April, 2022), motioned by Bill McGibbon; minutes approved.
- Guests: No guests in attendance for May, 2022.
- Correspondence: No correspondences for May, 2022.

**Committee Reports:**

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- Sanctioning (Katie Pond)
  - o Burrows Ranch HS has not picked a date to reschedule, possibly looking at dates in October.
  - o The annual sanctioning meeting is approaching in September. No date has been set, will move to the Board of Director meeting later this evening to confirm date.
- Membership (Cat Swenston)
  - o 98 May renewal forms were mailed out.
  - o 268 membership cards have been mailed out since April 20th, 2022. This includes the Adult CC advanced riders.
  - o The only outstanding race renewals at this time are the Enduro that was just held last weekend.
    - 1 new Life member:
      - Nick Vleisides, 513D
  - o There is a few membership cards that have been returned due to wrong addresses and Membership has no contact information to get them to the appropriate members. If you have not received your card, please reach out to Cat Swenston.
- Youth Cross Country (Jimmy Whitworth)
  - o Points are updated and current for Spring 2022.
  - o A list of advanced riders has been updated and posted as well.

- Cross Country/Scoring (Jeremy Carlin)
  - o Fort Sage HS
    - 452 riders
    - \$523.00 in sales from registration
  - o The list for advanced riders is current and has been posted.
  - o Advancement points are still being worked on. There are still a couple outstanding Referee reports that need to be turned in that will reflect some riders who earned work points.
- Enduro/Family Enduro (Bruce Hendrickson)
  - o Fool's Gold: 114 riders
  - o 49'er Family Enduro: 125 riders
  - o 49'er Sprint Enduro: 129 riders
  - o After the 49'er results become final, points will be calculated and posted.
- Dirt Track (Carter Fisher)
  - o Lodi MC held a double header on 4/23/22 and 4/24/22.
  - o Both MMX TT on 4/30/22 and MMX ST on 5/1/22 were cancelled due to track issues.
  - o Lodi MC held a ST on 5/7/22 but there was a few incidents that will most likely be addressed next month.
  - o There are a few concerns that are will be brought up during the Club/Promoters/ Members portion of this meeting.
- Dual Sport (Jerry Fouts)
  - o No report at this time.
- GP Series (Kevin Wiley)
  - o Sean Rhodes reported on behalf of the GP Series.
  - o The first GP race is scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd, 2022 at MMX.
  - o Kevin Wiley, has stepped down as GP Steward. Brad Rosbach, has volunteered as GP Steward moving forward.
    - Charlie Coiner stated there was other interest for GP Steward. Sean Rhodes was unaware of any other interest.
    - Bill McGibbon refers to D36 Rule 1.4.1 that states the Board of Directors appoints Stewards. This matter will be moved to BOD meeting later in the evening.
- Sponsor Committee (Charlie Coiner/Brad Rosbach)
  - o No report at this time.
- Social Media (Brad Rosbach)
  - o Not present during the meeting.
- Contingency Committee (Rachel Douglas)
  - o Rachel Doulgas was not present; however, Katie Pond reported on her behalf.
  - o All contingency submittals are current except for the 49'er Sprint and Family Enduros. Those will be submitted next week.

- o With the help of Brad Rosbach and Melissa Jones, Rachel was able to get some e-flyers made to post on social media to promote contingency.
  - o Reminder: please make sure to always check your bike brand when signing up. Having an outdated bike is still the biggest reason people are not getting their contingency.
  - o The RaceGas contingency program is not honoring the Dirt Track Series this year because there was not enough participation last year.
- Newsletter/Website/Operations Manual (Bill McGibbon)
  - o The newsletter will be out soon, please submit any content to Bill immediately.
  - o Anyone needing hard copies of the Operations Manual, please reach out to Bill.
- AMA/Congress (Jerry Fouts)
  - o No updates at this time.
- Director of Competition (Sean Rhodes)
  - o There have been a few issues with Dirt Track that are currently be worked thru.
  - o There will also be a protest from Dirt Track, however, due to the rider being injured, that protest will not be heard until the June meeting.
  - o Sean addressed District 36 Rule 1.4.1 regarding Stewards so he asked this matter be handled during the BOD meeting later this evening.
- LAO (Don Amador)
  - o See attached report.
- Clubs/Promoters/Members – Question/Answer \*This is not for club announcements\*
  - o Angelina DeMario, a former employee for over 11 years at Lodi Cycle Track is here tonight to address some concerns that she believes District 36 should be aware about.
    - Officials are not present during the entire events.
    - Every event in 2022 there have been multiple physical altercations. This creates a safety issue for not only riders, but spectators as well.
    - Protests are not being taken seriously. Mrs. DeMario has personally submitted a formal protest on 3/26/22 and on 4/2/22 the protest was handed back along with the fee associated with the protest with no explanation.
    - Referees are not following the official District 36 Operations Manual.
    - The Dirt Track points are not being calculated correctly.
    - There are people who are threatening other members so that they do not report issues to Officials.
    - Katie responded that these issue will most likely be brought up next month when the official protest is heard.
    - As a reminder, it is a good idea for all members to review the Operations Manual to get familiar with the rules and procedures for District 36.
    - Sean Rhodes assures our membership that if a protest reaches him, it will be taken seriously.
    - Al Webber, the Dirt Track Referee stated that there was only one protest, in which was filed 2 days ago.
  - o Jarrad Fisher with MMX is looking for a Referee for Round 1 of the GP. Please reach out the MMX if interested.
- Old Business

- New Business
- Good of the Body
  - o Happy Birthday Laura Coiner!
- Bill McGibbon motioned to adjourn; Meeting Adjourned @ 8:21pm

### **Competition Committee Meeting**

- Meeting Called to Order @ \_\_\_\_\_
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
  - o \_\_\_\_\_ Active members of \_\_\_\_\_ Clubs/Promoters present.
- Protests
- New Clubs
- Old Business
- New Business
- Motion to adjourn by \_\_\_\_\_; meeting Adjourned @ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Board Meeting [8:30-9:30]**

*Maximum time spent on each agenda item is 5 minutes. If unresolved, it goes to the Parking Lot to be added to the agenda for the next month. Comments and business by the BOD only unless approved by the President. Please keep your report to 5 minutes in length. Questions will be limited to 3 minutes.*

- Meeting called to order @ 8:29pm by Katie Pond (President)
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
  - o 7 of 9 members present
    - Brad Rosbach and Rachel Douglas not present.
- Old Business
  - o New trailer for Cross Country (tabled from March, 2022)
    - Jeremy Carlin is having a hard time finding comparisons for a quote. The cheapest trailer found has been in Georgia. The trailer in Georgia is approximately \$12,000. In California, the price is upwards of \$17,000. Jeremy has found one in Nevada for \$14,000.
    - Jerry Fouts has a friend who lives near Georgia who is making a trip back to California this summer and has offered to bring the trailer back for the cost of fuel and hotel stays.

- The BOD allowed Bill McGibbon to ask a question. Bill would like to know if the trailer would be strictly assigned to Cross Country or if the other disciplines would have access to it. The Enduro Steward, Bruce Hendrickson said he would step down as Steward if he would be required to take the trailer to an Enduro. He has been making significant changes and does not believe the trailer is necessary right now.
    - Another issue to consider is that everything in the summer gets unloaded from the trailer to avoid being damaged by the heat. If other disciplines use the trailer, arrangements would need to be made to store those supplies somewhere.
    - Jerry Fouts makes a motion to allow Jeremy Carlin to spend up to \$15,500 to purchase a trailer in Georgia. This amount includes approximately \$2,000 to pay for the fuel and travel cost to bring it back to California.
      - 7 yay, 2 not present; motion passes.
  - o Mileage Reimbursement (tabled from April, 2022)
    - There was discussion as to where the current mileage pay came from. It is believed to have been the previous federal rate that has never been updated. The current mileage paid is \$0.36 per mile. Jeremy suggests that District 36 reimburse the current federal rate moving forward.
    - Jerry Fouts makes a motion to authorize the use of current federal rate to reimburse for mileage on expense reports for Stewards.
      - 7 yay, 2 not present; motion passes.
    - Jeremy Carlin makes a motion to retroactive pay the current federal rate on mileage beginning 4/1/22.
      - 5 yay, 2 abstain, 2 not present; motion passes.
- New Business
- Adhoc Committee Updates
  - o Strategic Future Committee
    - Charlie Coiner will be added to this committee.
    - This topic is being tabled until June, 2022.
- Non Agenda Items (There will be 5 minutes TOTAL allowed)
  - o Jeremy Carlin asked if there is a process to ask committeeman to step down if they cannot fulfill their duties. There is not really an official process, Jeremy will make contact with the committeemen. The appropriate officials will be notified if and when these committeeman step down.
    - Jeremy Carlin would like to add Tim Adkinson, 287R, as a committeeman for the remainder of the 2022 season.
      - There are no objections to adding Tim Adkinson, Cat Swenston will get the appropriate paperwork to him.
  - o Open position for GP Steward
    - Charlie Coiner nominated Leon Hanum. Leon Hanum was under the impression that there would not be a vote tonight, but has given permission to his wife, Marcy Hanum to accept his nomination.
    - Sean Rhodes the notification of the open GP Steward position was last minute. Brad Rosbach stepped up as interim GP Steward and then offered to remain on for the Series.
    - Brian Garrahan asked for a little background of Leon Hanum. Leon has been involved with District 36 for over 15 years. He is a A Super Senior and follows the CC Series. He is also a current CC Committeemen and has been for over 2 years.

- It was suggested that this matter be tabled when both nominees would be present. As Director of Competition, Sean Rhodes asks that this matter is handled and closed tonight.
    - Charlie Coiner makes a motion to accept Leon Hanum as the GP Steward.
      - o 4 yay, 2 no, 1 abstain, 2 not present; motion passes.
    - Jarred Fisher with MMX wanted to confirm Leon Hanum would be at Round 1 of the GP Series, Marcy confirms that he will be there.
  - o Ralph Lee asks about in person meetings. Other than Ralph, there was no other BOD member who currently wanted to discuss this matter. Katie Pond suggested this matter be tabled to next month. In person meetings will be added to the agenda for June, 2022.
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- Good of the Body
  - Executive Session
    - o No executive session tonight.
  - Motion to adjourn by Jerry Fouts; meeting adjourned @ 9:26pm.



## Amador District 36 LAO Overview and Activities Report April 20, 2022 to May 18, 2022

### D36 Mission Statement

*District 36 is a volunteer-based non-profit organization of motorcyclists and like-minded enthusiasts who organize and enhance responsible family recreation and exercise environmental conservation for the purpose of promoting today's activities and protecting our sport for the future.*

Dear Board of Directors,

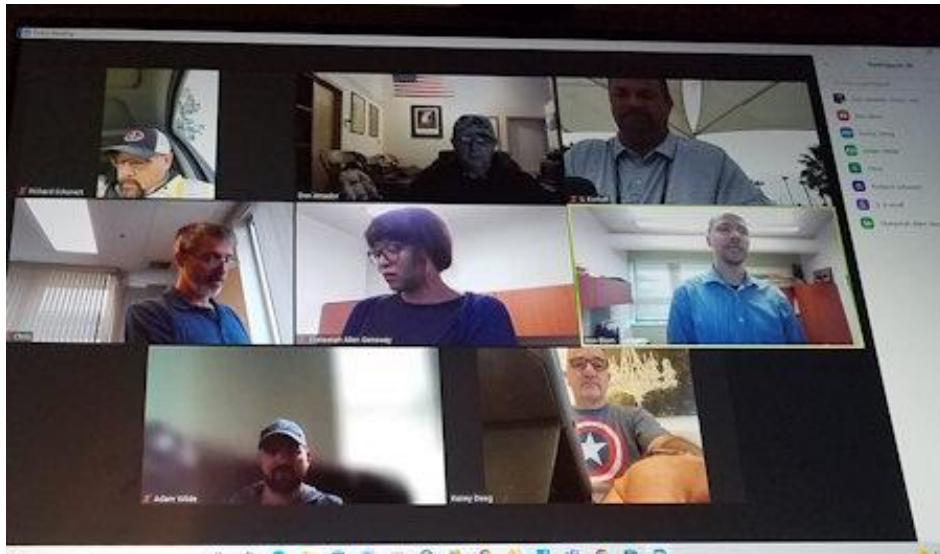


**OHV TRUST FUND BLEEDING OUT** - The LAO Program is preparing a letter to the State Park Director restating our strong concerns about the long-term viability of the OHV Trust Fund. **ISSUE ONE** – The annual diversion of \$10M from the Trust Fund to non-OHV uses must stop. **ISSUE TWO** – The LAO believes there is another \$10-20M that is being redirected to non-OHV uses such as covering salaries of non-OHV staff at various government departments. **ISSUE THREE** – The LAO also believes there is approximately \$100M (maybe more) that already has been diverted (i.e. stolen) and not repaid back to the OHV Trust Fund. If this is not resolved, there are growing concerns about the OHV Trust Fund (that pays for our SVRA system and grants to fed riding areas, etc.) will be bankrupt in the not too distant future.

The LAO Program continues to believe an audit is needed to highlight flaws in said spending and is actively exploring that option. The D36 LAO was a key lead in getting the 2005 CA State Audit that led to the overhaul of the OHV program in 2007.



**SAN BENITO COUNTY SUPPORTS EFFORT TO REOPEN CLEAR CREEK** - As you know, the LAO continues to run point on a multifaceted effort to reopen Clear Creek to OHV use. A few weeks ago, San Benito County sent a letter (see attached) to the BLM stating their support for the bipartisan effort for the agency to start the administrative process to reopen Clear Creek. Government officials continue meetings with the new staff at the EPA to see if they can find a way to support the reopening.



LAO Zoom Meeting with OHV leads and BLM on CC

The LAO also hosted a zoom call with several local OHV leads and the BLM field office and District office where the agency continues to meet with EPA and review options to start a new travel planning effort. Ben Blom, the Field Manager, left the office for another post and the BLM is filling that position. In the meantime, there are BLM leads that will continue the Clear Creek process.

**ROGUE/ILLEGAL SxS USE AT OHV AREAS** – The LAO continues to meet with county (including Colusa County Supervisor, Gary Evans), state, and federal authorities regarding illegal and rogue activity by certain SxS groups.

Agency leads are committed to getting this serious issue addressed for obvious public safety reasons and because they understand it makes it difficult to host competition events such as enduros on Forest



lands. Please immediately call – 925.783.1834 - or TEXT the LAO/AMADOR if you see any of this illegal activity.



**CARNegie GENERAL PLAN UPDATE-** The LAO filed official comments on the General Plan Update and associated environmental impact report (EIR) for the original Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). (A General Plan was prepared for both the original Carnegie SVRA with an expansion area, but the Expansion Area has been removed from the Project). The decision-making body for the General Plan Update and EIR is the OHMVR Commission, a body of appointees that advises the OHMVR Division and has final authority of approval of General Plans and certification of associated EIRs for SVRAs.

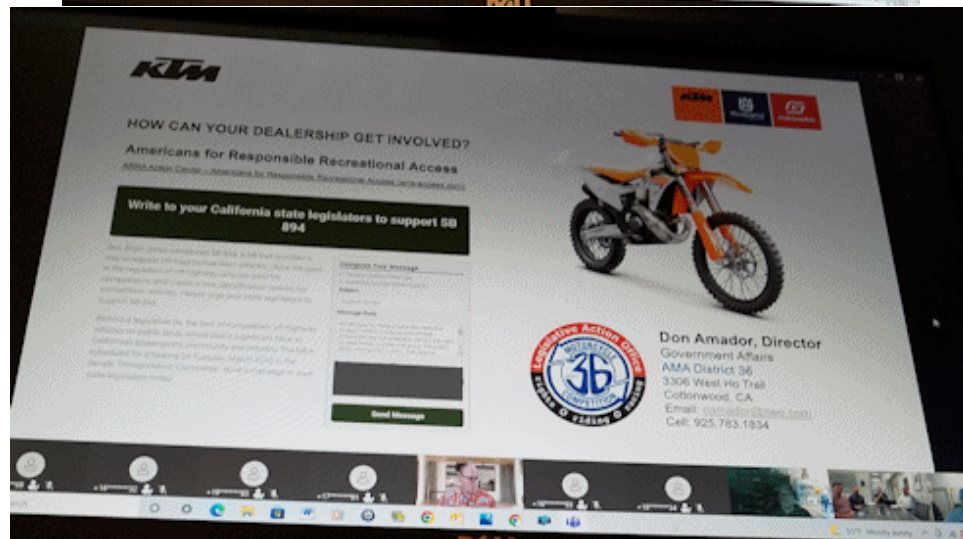
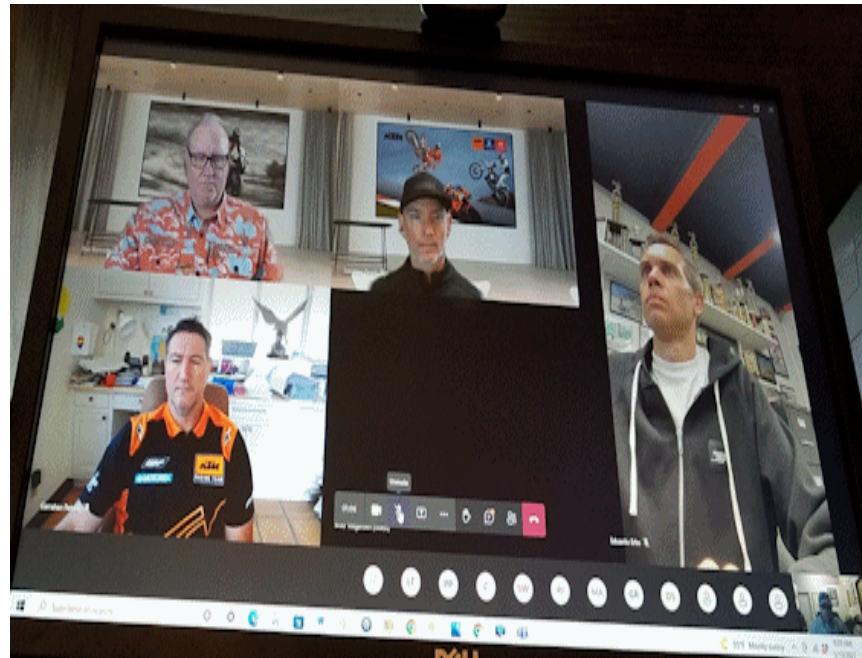
LAO Comments focused on the following issues;

***FOUNDATION*** – *PARKS and the OHMVR Division must maximize and significantly enhance the OHV opportunity in the existing SVRA to mitigate the loss of the 3,100-acre Alameda and Tesla Expansion Area to future OHV use. Use the 3,100-acre Alameda and Tesla Expansion Area as the mitigation bank for that maximization and enhancement effort. Some of those maximization and enhancements include but are not limited to:*

- *Improve staging for competition events at east end of the SVRA*
- *Improve ingress and egress for competition routes at staging area(s)*
- *Open currently closed areas at the east end of the SVRA such as Waterfall Canyon*
- *Reopen lands that were closed due to wildfires including routes in the west end of the SVRA*
- *Plan should reflect SVRA commitment to competition events*
- *Plan should approve/authorize a meaningful number of competition events*
- *Plan (and Division) should develop/authorize a more streamlined event permitting process*

The OHMVR Division previously prepared a General Plan Revision and associated Program EIR for the original Carnegie SVRA and the adjacent 3,100-acre Alameda and Tesla Expansion Area in 2016. Lawsuits and subsequent legislation required that the Alameda and Tesla Expansion Area not be designated as an SVRA. The Department elected to prepare a standalone General Plan Update for the original 1,575-acre Carnegie SVRA.

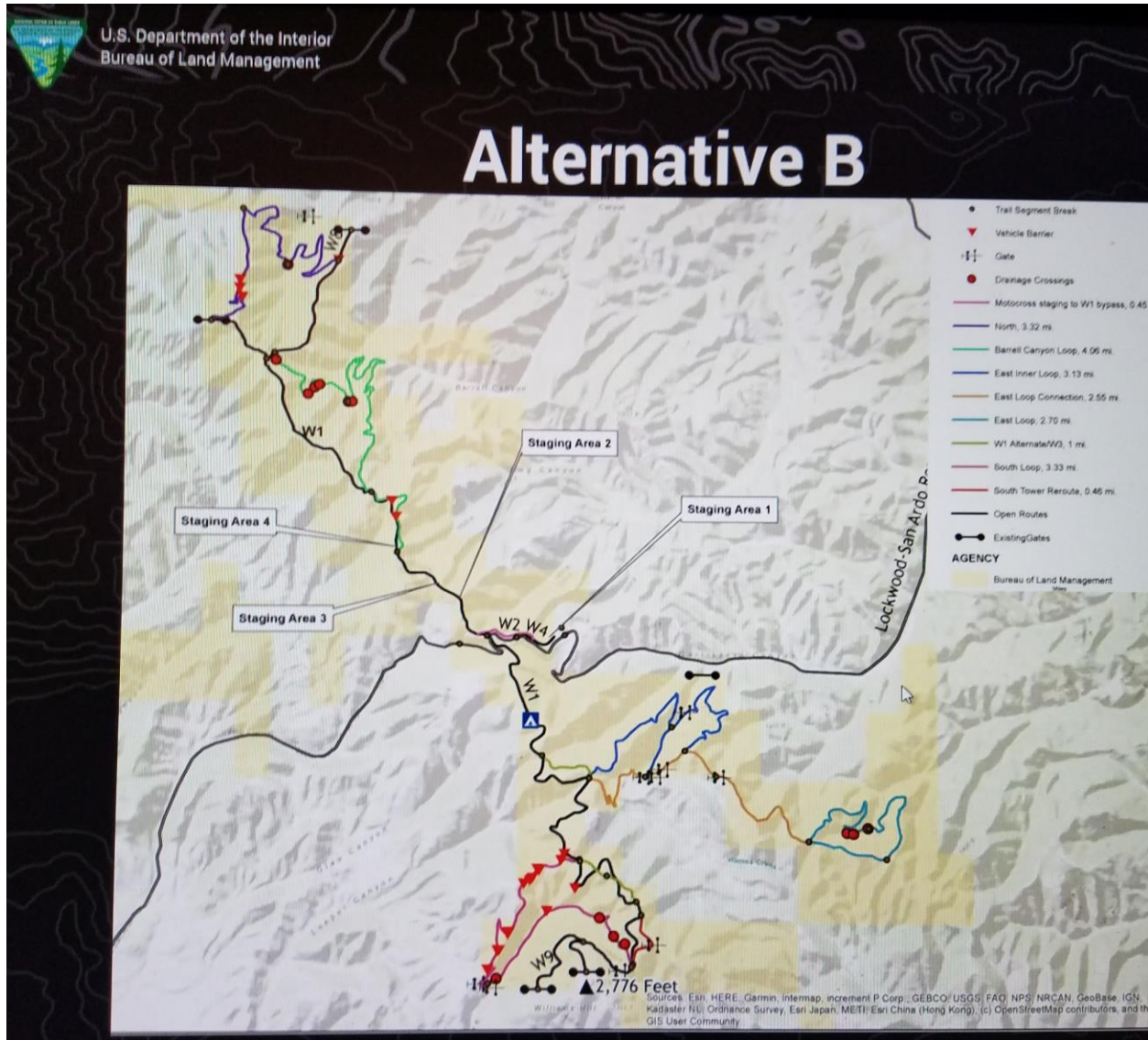
**CLOSED/OPEN COURSE EVENTS AT SVRAs** – Thanks to the OHV Division for their hard work to get State and Federal Park Rangers to adopt an “educational approach” to the 2022+ model year registration mess created when our competition bill did not pass last year. However, if there are any issues please contact the LAO immediately.



D36 LAO GIVING OVERVIEW/UPDATE TO KTM MOTOR GROUP/CA DEALERS ON SB894

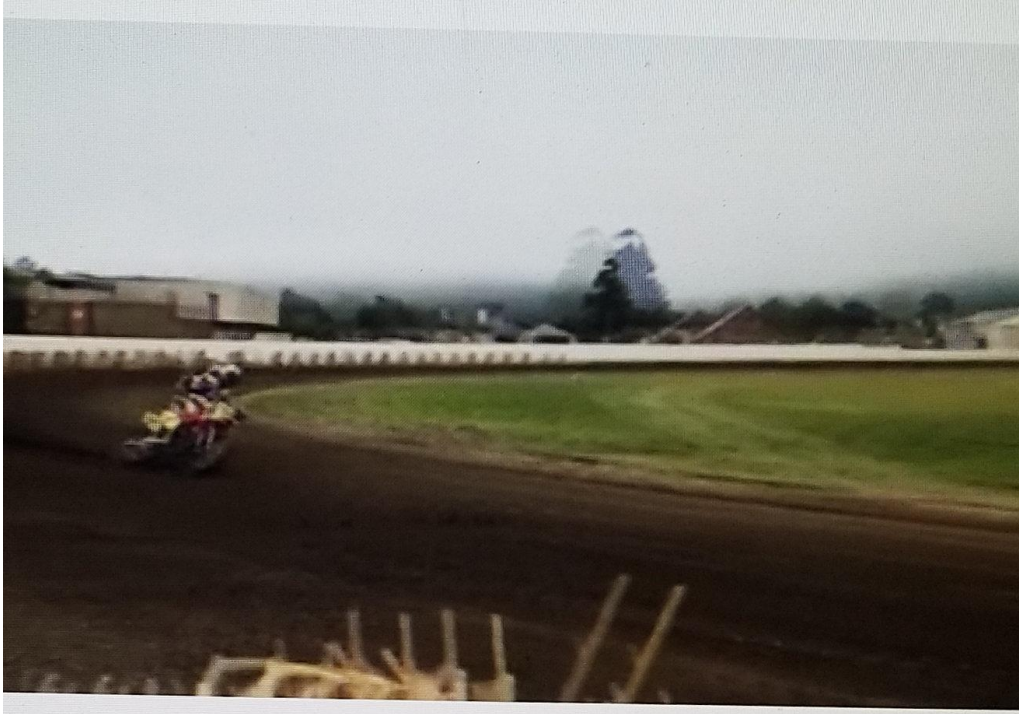
**COMPETITION BILL (SB 894)** – Last week, the LAO was invited by the KTM Motor Group to give their company and CA dealer network an update and overview on SB 894 – the Competition Sticker Bill. The LAO continues its work with Senator Jones and other legislators, the administration, and the MC Dealers Assn. The bill will be heard before the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 19.

The bill supporters remain committed to getting new 2022+ model year competition bikes registered and titled with the DMV and to resolve any confusion with state and federal law enforcement about the definition of closed course and allowing competition bikes to compete at sanctioned competition events (i.e. GPs, Hare Scrambles, enduros, etc) held on public lands.



**NEW OHV RIDING AREA** - The BLM Central Coast Field Office (the old Hollister Field Office) had developed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) based on the scoping comments it received from the LAO and other stakeholders. It has prepared two Action Alternatives which are Alt. A and Alt. B.

The LAO is supporting Alternative B since it doubles the amount of legal OHV routes and replaces a number of dead end trails with looped opportunities with 21 miles of new routes. Currently the Williams Hill Recreation Area provides off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities on 15 miles of roads and trails. The draft EA also proposes to expand campground and staging facilities; and site a training track for less experienced riders. The proposals include strategies to reduce unauthorized entry onto private lands.



FERNDALE SPEEDWAY

**SPEEDWAY AT HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** – Due to the ongoing efforts of the LAO, Jerry Fouts, and Chris Real and their continued work with Steve/BigTime, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is working to update their sound ordinance to mirror sound laws in other counties with similar venues. Thanks to the FWMC for getting a petition going in support of amending the sound ordinance! Hope springs eternal for the 2022 Speedway Event to take place in Ferndale.

**UPDATING COUNTY GENERAL PLAN FOR OHV** – The LAO will continue to work with Brian Garrahan and San Benito County Supervisor, Bob Tiffany, on an effort in 2022 to update the General Plan to reflect their commitment to support OHV events on private lands. An update that is friendlier to D36 sanctioned events should also reduce extensive environmental review for competition events.

**HOLLISTER HILLS UPPER RANCH FOR D36 EVENTS** - The LAO met with Hollister Hills SVRA Planners in March to review potential for allowing D36 events to use the Upper Ranch 4x4 Area. Planners said the UR area outlined in the map above could support a new D36 event. If the District/Clubs would like to review event options with Hollister leads, they should contact Chris Silverberg at - [Christina.Silverberg@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Christina.Silverberg@parks.ca.gov)

**STREAMLINING THE SVRA EVENT PERMITTING PROCESS** - The LAO continues its work with Parks to stress the important of streamlining the competition event process and to make the process consistent throughout the SVRA system. The LAO is optimistic that Parks will accomplish this important task.

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April 26, 2022

Ms. Karen Mouristen  
California State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1623  
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### **RE: Requesting the reopening of Clear Creek Management Area**

Dear Director Mouristen

On behalf of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, we write to offer support for the partial or complete reopening of the Clear Creek Management Area ("CCMA"). We acknowledge the work that has been completed under your leadership in exploring the reopening of CCMA. Please consider implementing an administrative process leading to the reopening of CCMA to environmentally-sound Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) and providing motorized access to non-motorized activities within the management area, leading to increased recreational access and improved access safety and decreased illegal activity.

As you are aware, the Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) of the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) was closed in 2008 based on a study by the EPA, which concluded that naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) posed a public health risk. However, in 2010, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation commissioned an independent OHV-specific risk assessment of NOA exposure within the Serpentine ACEC of the CCMA. The International Environmental Research Foundation (IERF) report concluded that management and operational strategies could allow for off-highway (OHV) recreation in the CCMA without exposing the public to higher than acceptable levels of NOA and without presenting a severe risk to human health. Specifically, the risk of OHV usage five days per year, for eight hours on each of those days, was equated to the lifetime risk of smoking less than one cigarette over the same one-year period. The report noted that other recreational activities, such as swimming, hiking, and snow skiing, are over 100-fold more dangerous.

Clear Creek Recreation Area was a nationally recognized 70,000-acre OHV recreation area that provided motorized access to non-motorized recreation and other outdoor activities such as hunting and geological exploration. Before its closure, Clear Creek registered over 35,000 visits a year and was named one of the top 10 off-road areas in the nation. CCMA was a critical economic link among California's many statewide OHV recreation districts. Its abrupt closure by BLM has resulted in severe economic consequences for San Benito County, relying on recreational visitors in the region. The closure has created severe overcrowding and capacity issues at the Hollister Hills State Recreation Area and other counties, state, and federal OHV sites throughout California.

With the internal review process BLM is undertaking, please consider the latest scientific information and risk assessments from EPA. We urge you to expedite the process and provide an update on this review to the Board of Supervisors at your earliest convenience. Each day the CCMA remains closed, more resource damage occurs due to illegal trespassing onto closed areas with sensitive habitats and significant cultural resources.

The Board of Supervisors, residents, and community stakeholders support reopening the CCMA for recreational purposes. We look forward to working with you and other agencies to reopen the CCMA. Allowing partial or full reopening of Clear Creek and reestablishing the recreation-based economic benefit to San Benito County while reducing illegal trespassing and bringing relief to other overcrowded recreation sites across the state.

On behalf of the County of San Benito, we appreciate your consideration and look forward to working collaboratively to provide safe outdoor recreational destinations in our community. Our County is ready to work around the clock to support navigating the regulatory permitting processes that may impede reopening efforts. We welcome the opportunity to discuss solutions with your team and support all efforts towards this matter.

Respectfully,

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Bea Gonzales, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Chair of the Board of Supervisor  
San Benito County

CC:

The Honorable Congress Member Jimmy Panetta, 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
The Honorable Congress Member David G. Valadao, 21<sup>th</sup> Congressional District