



## CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES SURVEY SUMMARY PUBLIC INPUT SYNTHESIS #3 APRIL 2021



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## Introduction

#### **REPORT FOCUS**

This report summarizes public input received during the Concept Alternatives public outreach efforts conducted for the Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) General Plan Update process. Public outreach activities for this phase of the process were undertaken during February and March 2021. The public outreach efforts included a virtual public workshop hosted on the project website, two live virtual public meetings, and a questionnaire about the proposed Concept Alternatives.

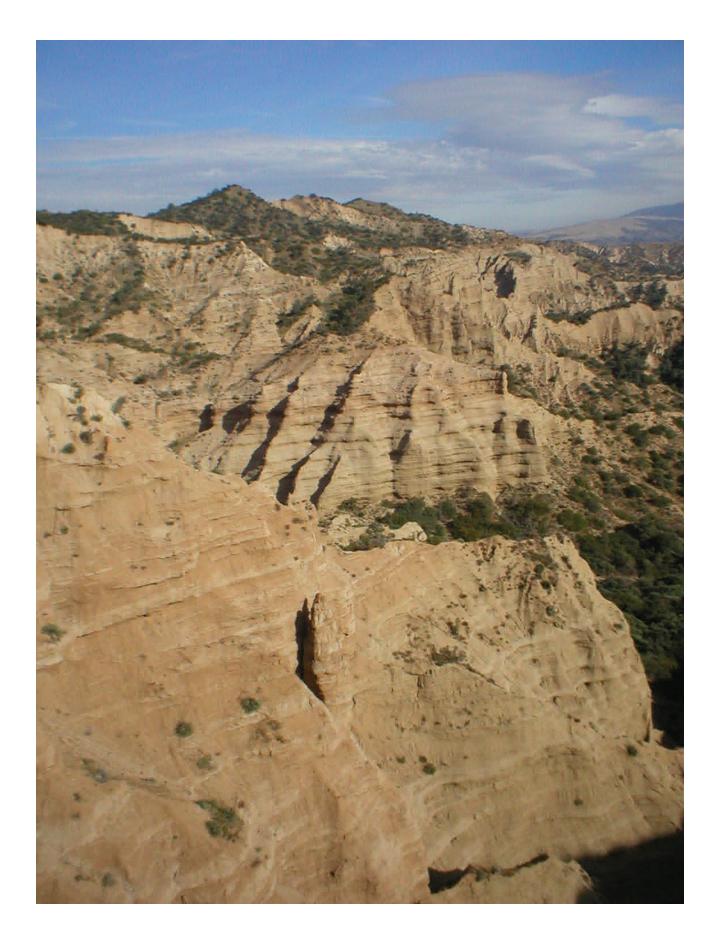
#### **ABOUT HUNGRY VALLEY SVRA**

Hungry Valley SVRA is a popular recreation area for off-highway vehicle (OHV) users and other recreationists from Southern and Central California. The roughly 20,000-acre SVRA is approximately 60 miles north of downtown Los Angeles along Interstate 5 and is part of Ventura, Kern, and Los Angeles Counties. Hungry Valley SVRA provides a unique experience for OHV users. It has a large land area and over 130 miles of trails for OHV recreation with a wide variety of terrain types and topographic features that appeal to many types of OHV enthusiasts and other outdoor recreationists.

#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

California State Parks began the comprehensive update of the General Plan for Hungry Valley SVRA in the spring of 2015. A General Plan is a policy document that provides direction on management strategies, future types of improvements, services, and programs for the park.

The existing Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan was adopted in 1982. The purpose of the General Plan Update is to revise the plan to reflect changing conditions and issues, and to update the vision, goals, and policies set forth in the plan. The General Plan Update will incorporate lands acquired by California State Parks since 1982. This includes the 845-acre area to the north of Hungry Valley SVRA that was acquired in 2015, now referred to as the Condor Mesa Area. A separate Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will also be prepared, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The EIR will provide an evaluation of potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the General Plan Update.



## **Public Outreach Activity Summary**

Since Hungry Valley SVRA attracts visitors from such a large area across Southern and Central California, the public outreach program was designed to offer multiple methods for providing input. Additional opportunities for public participation will continue to be provided throughout the General Plan Update process. At this point in the process, public outreach focused on the Concept Alternatives that will be used to develop the Preferred Alternative for the project moving forward. In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, California State Parks decided to conduct the public outreach activities for the Concept Alternatives in an entirely virtual format. Roughly 60 to 65 people participated in the Concept Alternatives public outreach activities.

The public outreach activities conducted during the Concept Alternatives project phase are summarized on the following pages. Each section provides a description of the activity, the focus of the activity, and the approximate number of participants for each activity.

#### **PROJECT WEBSITE**

The project website was originally launched in April 2016. The website has been, and continues to be, used throughout the General Plan Update process to post project information and solicit feedback from the public. The website is available at <u>www.planhungryvalley.com</u>.

On February 15, 2021, the Concept Alternatives virtual public workshop was launched and was available to the public through March 17, 2021. The project website featured the Concept Alternatives virtual public workshop, described below, held entirely online. Website analytics show that the website had an average of 13 visits per day during the February 15 through March 17 public engagement activities.

#### **VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

As part of the Concept Alternatives outreach efforts, California State Parks hosted a virtual public workshop meant to mimic a typical inperson workshop, which contained all of the information that would have been provided had an in-person event been feasible. The website images of the virtual public workshop, the maps created for the workshop, and project fact sheet as well as the workshop flyer can be found in **Appendices A, B, and C**. The virtual public workshop was announced through an email blast and an email reminder, which are provided in **Appendix D.** The virtual public workshop was linked directly from the project website homepage and contained the following seven virtual stations with both written and audio narrative:

- Landing Page: Hungry Valley SVRA Concept Alternatives – This station is meant to serve as the typical "welcome station" at an inperson workshop. This station explained the Concept Alternatives virtual public workshop and how to navigate through the workshop, and noted the dates and times of the live virtual public meetings.
- Station 1: General Plan Update Timeline & Process – This station provided background information about the Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan, a general description of the General Plan Update process, and the importance of the concept alternatives phase of the process. Additionally, the station included a step-by-step process guide.
- Station 2: Existing Conditions Map This station provided the baseline for comparison of the Concept Alternatives as it included a map depicting existing conditions at Hungry Valley SVRA.

- Station 3: Concept Alternative 1 Map This station provided an overview of Concept Alternative 1. The station included a map of Concept Alternative 1 and a description of key features of the alternative.
- Station 4: Concept Alternative 2 Map This station provided an overview of Concept Alternative 2. The station included a map of Concept Alternative 2 and a description of key features of the alternative.
- Station 5: Comparison of Alternatives This station provided a comparison table of Concept Alternative 1 and 2 noting similarities as well as differences in each alternative.
- Station 6: Next Steps This station was the final station of the virtual public workshop, which described how the input collected from this public outreach event would help develop the Preferred Alternative and inform the rest of the General Plan Update process. The station provided a project fact sheet, a link to register for the live public meetings, links to take the questionnaire, and opportunities to stay informed about the project.



#### QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of the Virtual Public Workshop, a questionnaire was available on the Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan website from February 15, 2021, through March 17, 2021. The public was invited to participate in this questionnaire to help California State Parks gather input on the Concept Alternatives and to help develop the Preferred Concept Alternative. The questionnaire included 10 multiple-choice questions on the following topics:

- Access and Connections
- Camping
- Facilities
- Recreation
- Amenities

An open-ended question was also included at the end of the questionnaire so that respondents could provide additional thoughts not addressed directly through the questions.

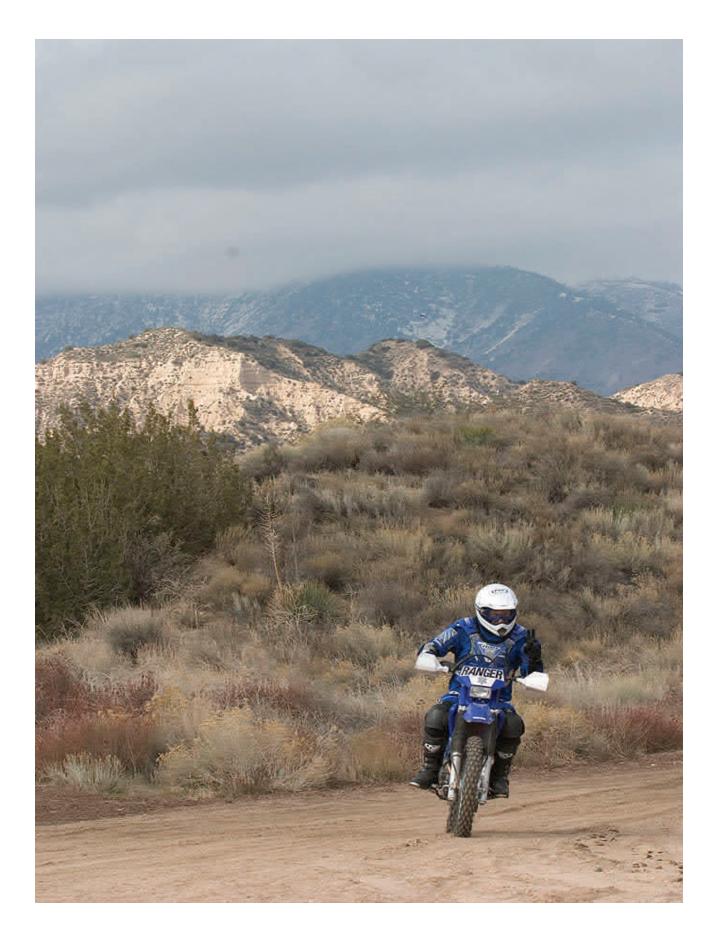
Questions were developed to gain an understanding of which features/amenities visitors preferred between the two Concept Alternatives. Visitor support (or lack thereof) will be considered when deciding which features/ amenities to include in the Preferred Alternative. The questionnaire was anonymous to encourage honest answers. Additionally, there were no required responses, so that the respondents could skip a question if desired while still being able to complete the rest of the questionnaire.

Those taking the questionnaire had the option to take it online or print out the questionnaire and mail it to California State Parks. Links to both the virtual questionnaire and the printable version were available on Station 6 of the virtual public workshop. Visitors were encouraged to share this information with family and friends that use the park, and to encourage them to take the online questionnaire as well. Two email blasts were sent to encourage people to fill out the questionnaire and remind them of the deadline for submittal. During the period the online questionnaire was open, 31 online questionnaires were completed. The findings of the information collected are summarized in the Questionnaire Response Summary section of this synthesis. The blank questionnaire is provided in **Appendix E** and the open-ended responses from the questionnaire are provided in **Appendix F.** 

#### LIVE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Two public meetings were held over a period of a week. The dates of these meetings are shown below. The public meetings were held as a Live Microsoft Teams event and provided attendees with an overview of the project, the project process, and a description of the Concept Alternatives. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions through the meeting chat function. The PowerPoint presentation used during the public meetings is provided in **Appendix G.** A recording of the meetings is available on the project website (www.planhungryvalley.com) under the Documents and Resources page, and input from attendees during the public workshops is available in **Appendix H.** 

Date	Time	Location
March 1,	2:00 PM to	Virtual Platform -
2021	3:00 PM	Microsoft Teams
March 3,	6:30 PM to	Virtual Platform -
2021	7:30 PM	Microsoft Teams



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## **Questionnaire Response Summary**

The following is a summary of the responses received from the Concept Alternatives questionnaire. This input will be used by the project team to establish the Preferred Alternative, which will help inform the goals and policies for the General Plan Update.

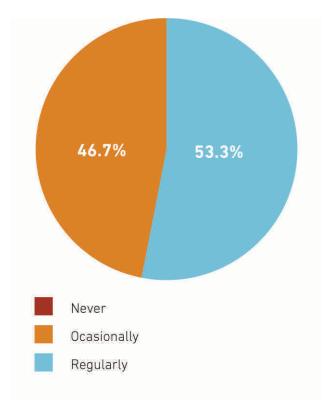


### **Category: Access and Connections**

## **Question #1:**

Under both Concept Alternative 1 and Concept Alternative 2, additional trails are proposed to increase connectivity between the main body of Hungry Valley SVRA, the Condor Mesa Area (C1), and Los Padres National Forest (C2, & C3). If these trail connections are implemented, how often would you see yourself using them?

As shown in **Figure 1**, all respondents stated that they would occasionally or regularly use trail connections on the northwest side of Hungry Valley SVRA to access U.S. Forest Service land, while 0 percent of respondents said that they would never use these trails connections.



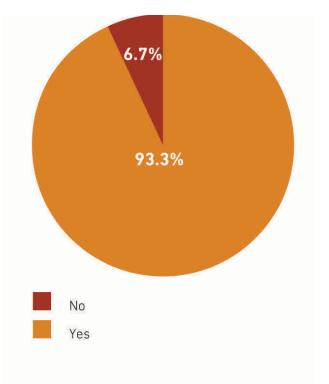
**Figure 1.** Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 1

### **Category: Access and Connections**

## **Question #2:**

Under Concept Alternative 2, a connection is proposed to Road Runner Trail (C4) that will connect the main body of Hungry Valley SVRA with the island of land owned by California State Parks to the southwest of Hungry Valley SVRA. If that connection were added, do you see yourself using the trail?

As shown in **Figure 2**, over 93 percent of respondents said they would use the Road Runner Trail connection and only less than 7 percent of respondents said they would not.



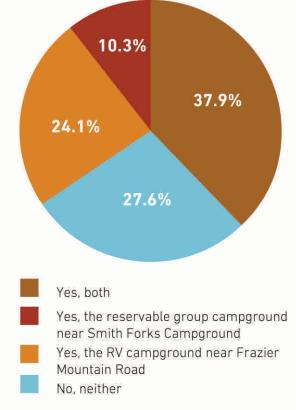
**Figure 2.** Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 2

#### **Category: Camping**

## **Question #3:**

Under Concept Alternative 2, a new reservable group campground (G2) is proposed near Smith Forks Campground and an RV campground (G3) with full hookups is proposed near Frazier Mountain Road. Would you use either of these campgrounds when visiting the park?

As shown in **Figure 3**, over 60 percent of respondents said they are in support of new camping facilities, in one form or another. Roughly 10 percent of respondents said they would use a new reservable group campground near Smith Forks Campground, 24 percent said they would use an RV campground near Frazier Mountain Park Road, and nearly 38 percent of respondents said they would use both of these facilities if they were offered. Just under 30 percent of respondents said they would not use either of these facilities when visiting the park.



#### Figure 3.

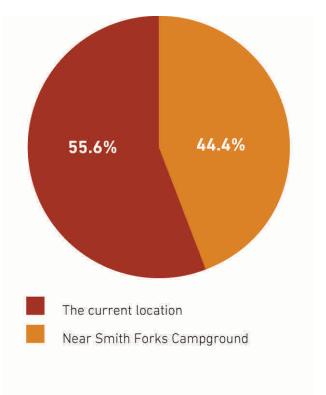
Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 3

## **Category: Facilities**

## **Question #4:**

Under Concept Alternative 1, the Visitor Center (V1) will be upgraded to meet accessibility standards but remain in its current location. Under Concept Alternative 2, a new Visitor Center (V1) would be constructed near the Smith Forks Campground. Which location would you be more inclined visit?

As shown in **Figure 4**, respondents were split as to whether they would want to see the visitor center moved from its current location to the area near Smith Forks Campground, with 56 percent saying that they would prefer to visit the current location.

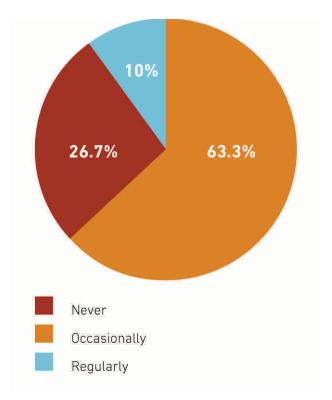


**Figure 4.** Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 4

## **Question #5:**

Under Concept Alternative 1 and Concept Alternative 2, a staging area (SA) with designated parking, shade ramadas, and OHV loading/off-loading ramps is proposed near the Smith Forks Campground. How often would you use the proposed area?

As shown in **Figure 5**, over 73 percent of respondents said they would use a new staging area near the Smith Forks Campground, either regularly or occasionally. Roughly 27 percent said they would not use a new staging area at all.



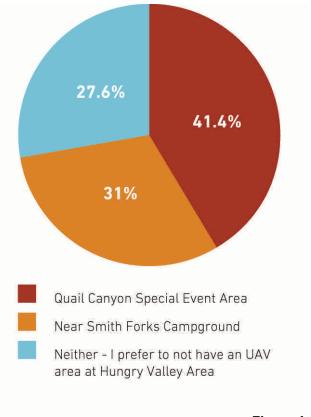
**Figure 5.** Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 5

### **Category: Recreation**

## **Question #6:**

Under Concept Alternative 1, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)(U1) area is proposed at the Quail Canyon Special Event Area. Under Concept Alternative 2, a UAV (U1) area is proposed near Smith Forks Campground. Which location do you prefer for UAV use?

As shown in **Figure 6**, respondents were relatively split in their opinion on UAV use at Hungry Valley SVRA. Just over 40 percent said they would like to keep UAV use contained to Quail Canyon Special Event Area, nearly 30 percent said they would like to see a new UAV area created near Smith Forks Campground, and just over 30 percent said they would like to keep UAVs out of Hungry Valley SVRA entirely.



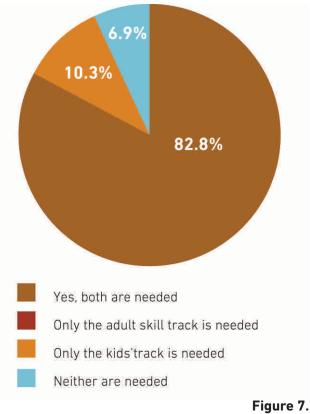
#### **Figure 6.** Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 6

### **Category: Recreation**

## **Question #7:**

Under Concept Alternative 1 and Concept Alternative 2, a new adult skill track (ST) near the Smith Forks Campground and a new kid's practice track (KT) near Edison Campground are proposed. Do you feel that there is a need at Hungry Valley SVRA for these additional tracks?

As shown in **Figure 7**, questionnaire respondents had an overwhelming support for additional skills tracks at Hungry Valley SVRA. Roughly 10 percent of respondents said that only a new kids skill track is needed, while nearly 83 percent of respondents said that both an adult skill track and a kids' skill track are needed. Roughly 7 percent of respondents felt that neither of these tracks is needed at Hungry Valley SVRA.



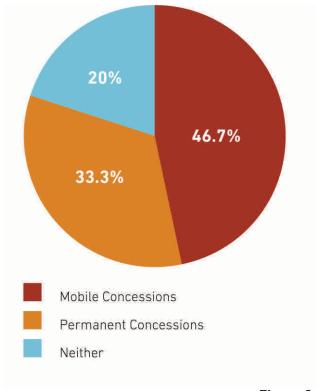
Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 7

## **Category: Amenities**

## **Question #8:**

Under Concept Alternative 1, a mobile concession (MC) is proposed at Quail Canyon Special Event Area and under Concept Alternative 2, a permanent concession (P2) is proposed at Quail Canyon Special Event Area. Which do you think would be more beneficial to Hungry Valley SVRA visitors?

As shown in **Figure 8**, respondents showed general support for concessions at Quail Canyon Special Event Area in their responses to Question 8. Nearly 50 percent supported the addition of mobile concessions at Quail Canyon Special Event Area while a third of respondents supported permanent concessions. Twenty percent said that they would prefer that neither permanent nor mobile concessions be added at Quail Canyon Special Event Area.



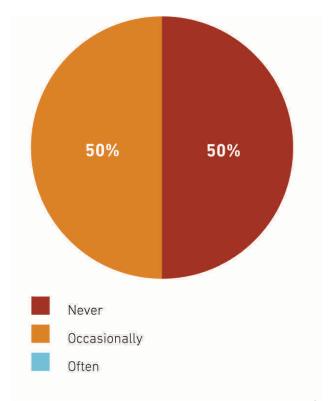
**Figure 8.** Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 8

### **Category: Amenities**

## **Question #9:**

Under Concept Alternative 2, a community event area (E2) is proposed in the Condor Mesa Area. Near the community event area an automatic payment system, electric vehicle charging stations, and mobile concessions are proposed. This area could be reserved for private events or could be used for community gatherings or California State Parks-hosted events. How often would you use the new community area?

As shown in **Figure 9**, respondents were evenly divided in their support or opposition to the community event area proposed in the Condor Mesa Area. Half of respondents said they would never use a community event area, while the other half said they would occasionally use the community event area. No respondents said they would use the community event area often.

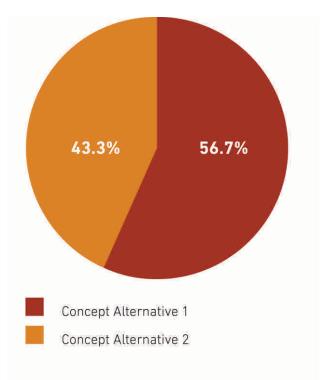


**Figure 9.** Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 9

### **Category: Amenities**

## **Question #10:** Overall, which Concept Alternative do you prefer?

As shown in **Figure 10**, overall, respondents slightly prefer Concept Alternative 1 over Concept Alternative 2, with nearly 57 percent preferring Concept Alternative 1 and 43 percent preferring Concept Alternative 2.



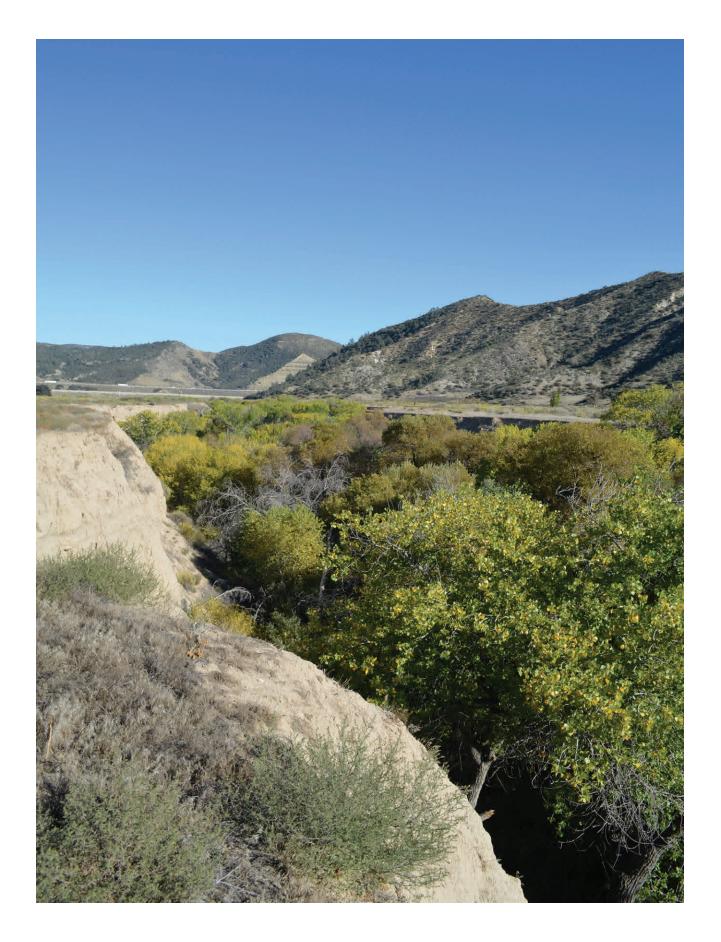
**Figure 10.** Responses to Concept Alternatives Question 10

## **Question #11:** Overall, which Concept Alternative do you prefer?

Twenty-two questionnaire respondents also included written responses with their questionnaires. While the written responses covered a variety of topics, respondents had some overarching themes and opinions. Where they were mentioned, visitors supported adding trails and trail connections, as well as creating oneway and/or vehicle-specific trails. Many visitors were also in support of making improvements to Gold Hill Road. One respondent noted that any improvements to Gold Hill Road, trail connections on U.S. Forest Service land, and any improvements to the existing Visitor Center would need to be discussed with the U.S. Forest Service.

Several respondents noted that they were in support of an RV campground with hookups, and/ or another reservable campground, although one respondent noted that they were against the proposed RV campground. A few other respondents expressed the general desire to keep Hungry Valley SVRA as it exists today. A couple other respondents noted that they wanted to see increased enforcement of the SVRA rules, especially at campgrounds.

Response to the addition of permanent concessions was mixed in the written responses, and one respondent noted that they felt the proposed mobile concessions would be better implemented in the main body of Hungry Valley SVRA rather than in the Quail Canyon Special Event Area. There were also comments in support of additional training tracks/areas, specifically for trails, Enduro, and ATV training. The remaining comments were specific to the individual, and involved topics such as cost and use of the proposed facilities; price of admittance fee; priority for reservations given to California residents; displeasure with the format of the questionnaire; and support for a mountain bike course, remote camping in the Condor Mesa Area, and a staging area near the South Entrance. All of the written responses as they were submitted can be seen in full in **Appendix F.** 



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## **Appendix A**

## Virtual Public Workshop

## Virtual Public Workshop - Home

#### HUNGRY VALLEY State Vehicular Recreation Area General Plan + EIR

#### HOME LEARN MORE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES GET UPDATES



#### Get Involved: We Want to Hear From You

Based on public input received thus far throughout the General Plan Update process, as well as evaluation of the existing conditions at Hungry Valley SVRA, California State Parks has developed a set of Concept Alternatives. These Concept Alternatives will be used to develop a Preferred Alternative, which will then be used as the basis for the updated General Plan. We would like your input on the Concept Alternatives. Keep reading for additional instructions!

#### Visit our Virtual Public Workshop Stations

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to gather in person at a public workshop to present the concept alternatives. Therefore, we have developed a "virtual public workshop" housed on this website to share planning information with you and collect your feedback. If you are accessing this website on your desktop, click on the button to the right titled 'Workshop & Alternatives' to access the public workshop stations. If you are accessing this website on your mobile or tablet mode, the buttons are located at the bottom of the page. The virtual public workshop will be available from February 15, 2021 through March 17, 2021. A survey link can be found within the virtual public workshop for you to provide your input on the Concept Alternatives.

#### Attend our Live Virtual Public Meetings

Thank you for joining us for the live virtual public meetings held on Monday, March 1, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you were unable to attend the virtual public meetings live, click here to access the Documents and Resources page and view the recordings.

#### Want to Stay Involved?

If you have not yet had a chance to provide input, have more information to share, or just want to stay updated on the development of the Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan Update, there will be more opportunities to provide input in the future. Look for additional e-mails, updates on the General Plan project website, posts on Facebook, and notices throughout Hungry Valley SVRA. To sign up for our email blasts, click the "Get Updates" button to the right.

## We Look Forward To Hearing From You!



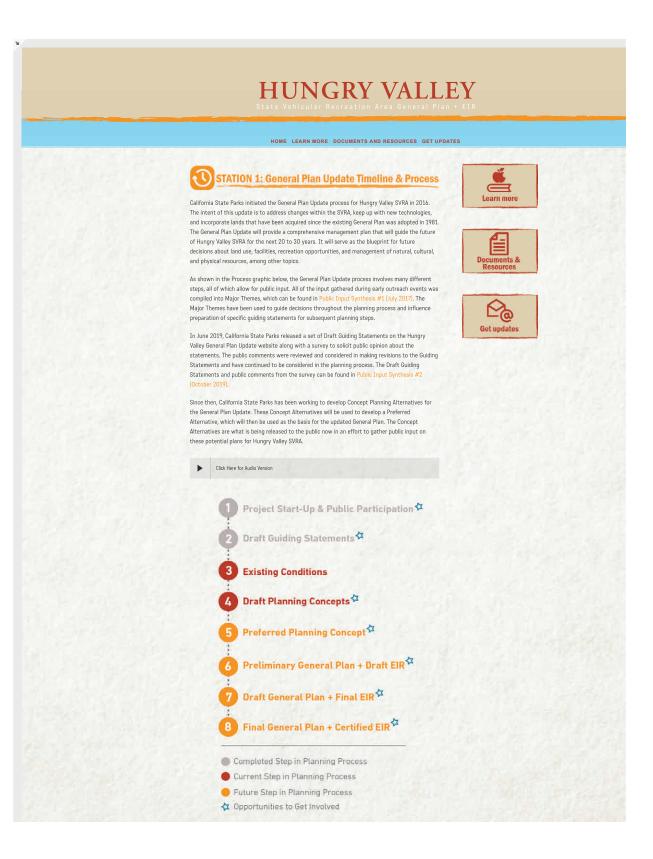




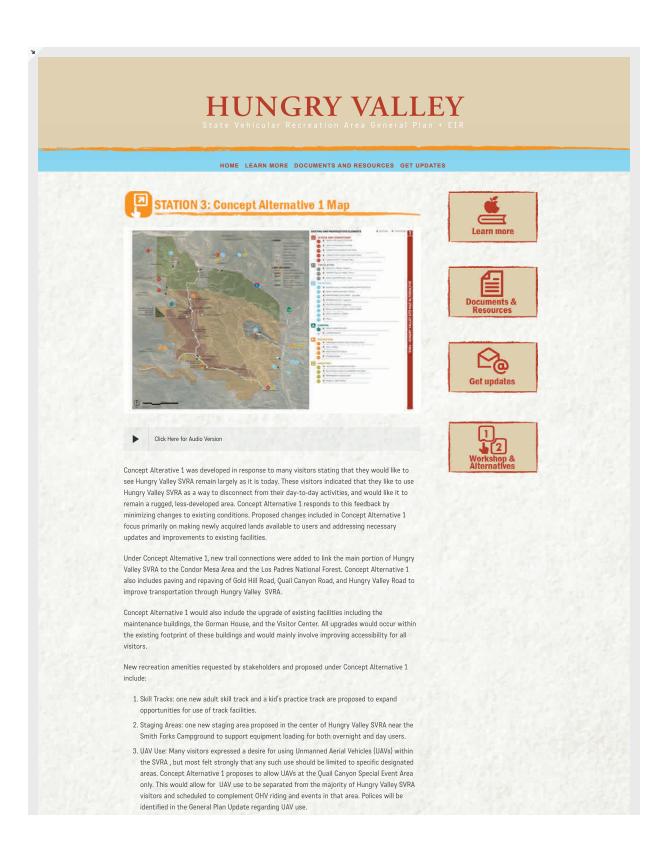


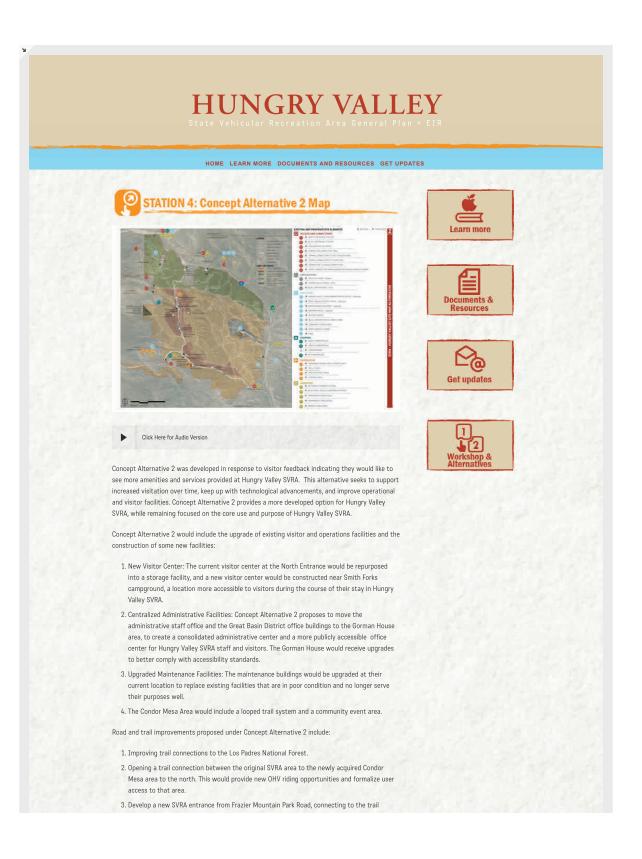
## **Virtual Public Workshop - Alternatives Home**



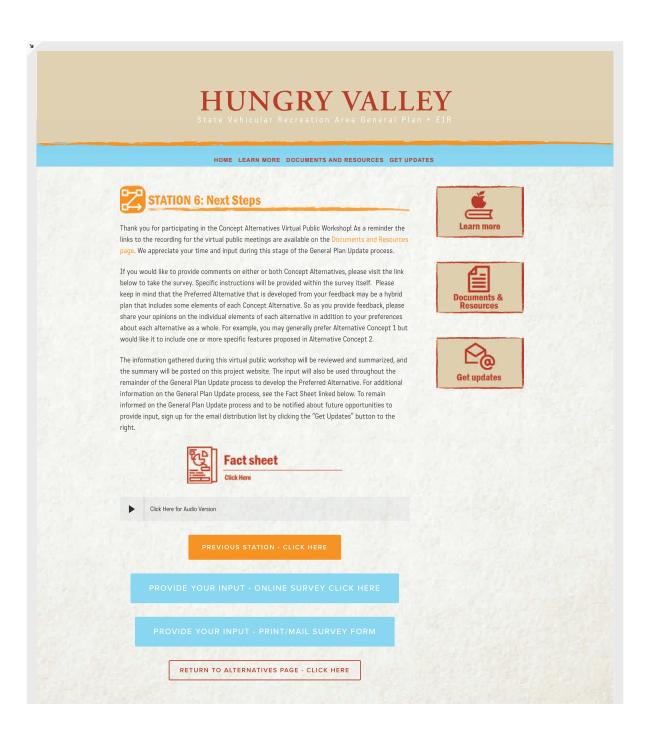








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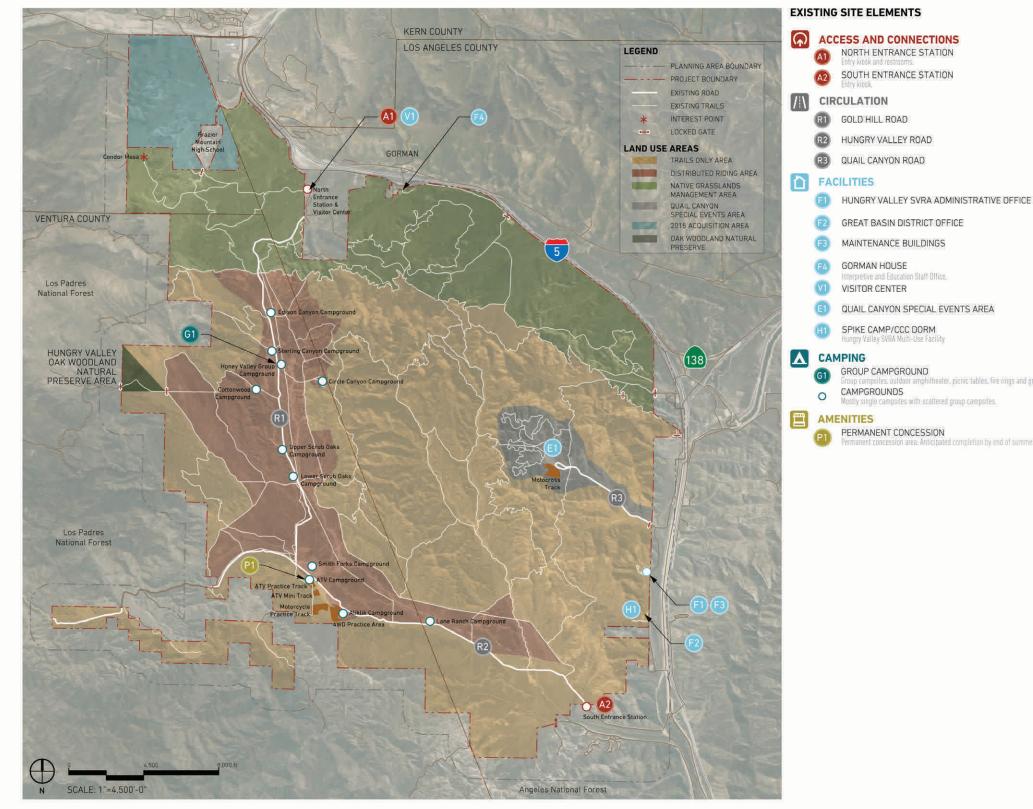


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## **Appendix B**

## Workshop Maps

### **Existing Conditions Map**

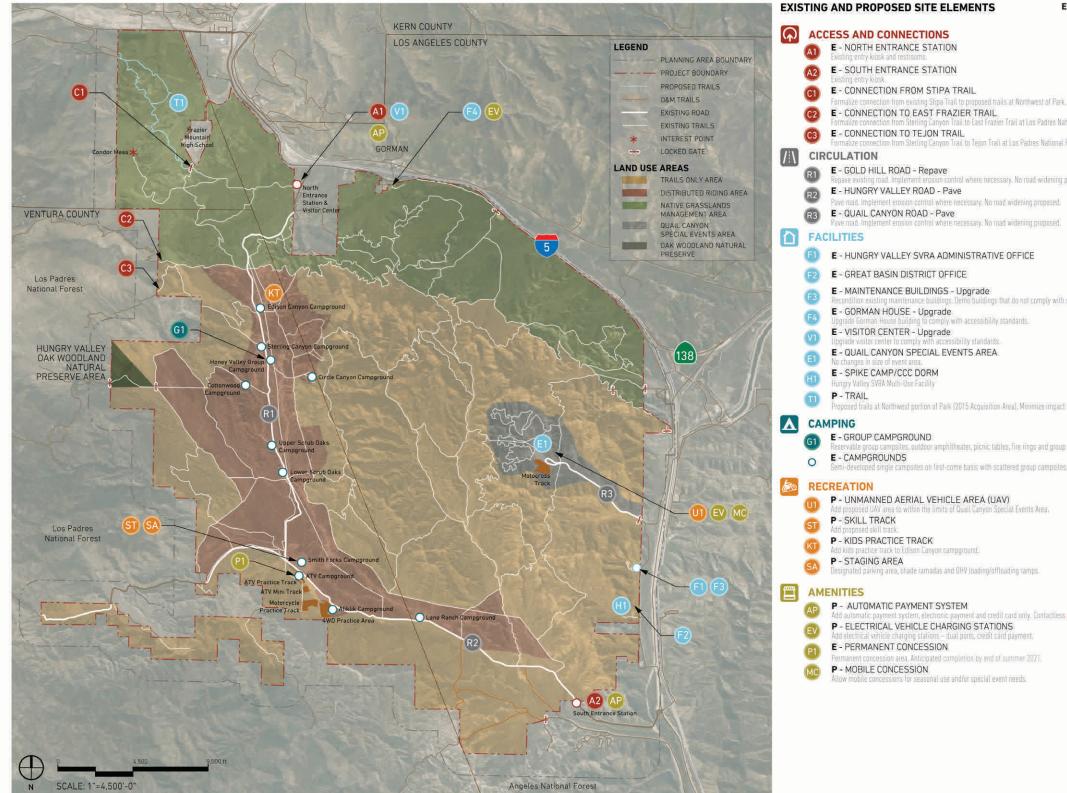


Appendix B: Workshop Maps

Ε SVRA - HUNGRY VALLEY EXISTING SITE MAP

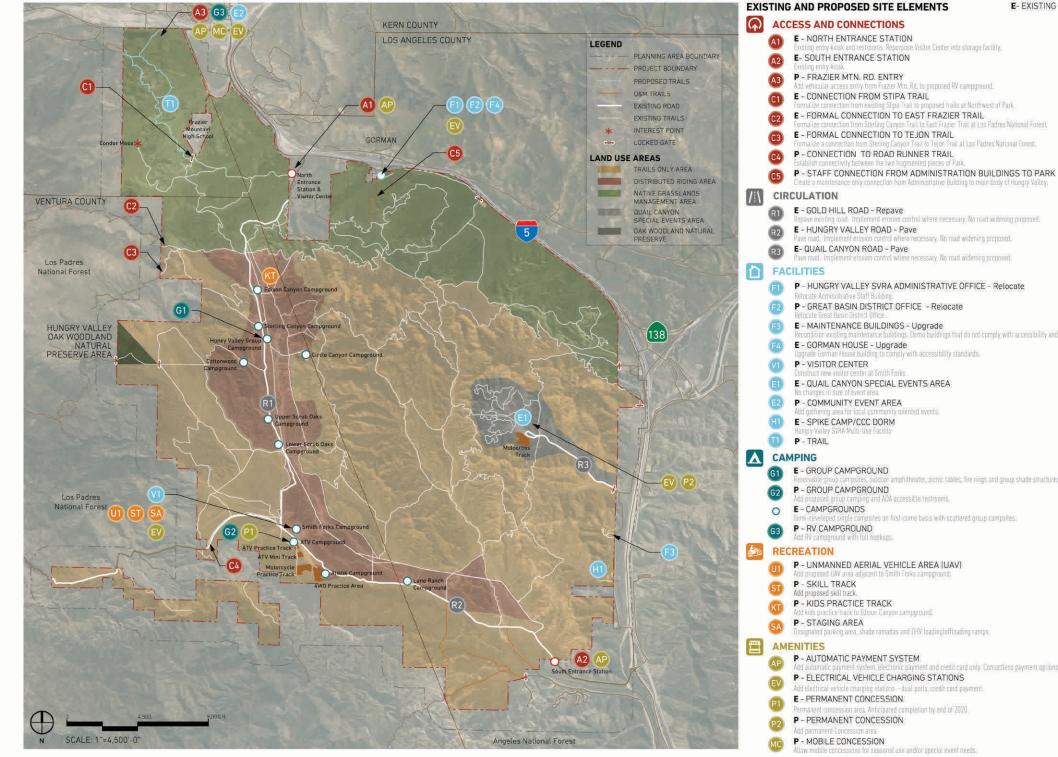
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### **Concept Alternative 1 Map**



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### **Concept Alternative 2 Map**



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ALTERNATIV SITE MAP HUNGRY VALLEY VRA

Appendix B: Workshop Maps

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HUNGRY VALLEY SVRA PUBLIC INPUT SYNTHESIS #3

# **Appendix C**

# Project Fact Sheet & Flyer

## **Project Fact Sheet - Page 1**



### **Project Description**

California State Parks is conducting a public process to update the General Plan for Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). The General Plan Update will provide a comprehensive management plan that will guide the future of Hungry Valley SVRA for the next 20 to 30 years. The General Plan is important to the future of Hungry Valley SVRA and California State Parks wants to hear from you!

### **About the Project**

A lot has changed in and around Hungry Valley SVRA since the last General Plan was prepared in 1981. California State Parks is updating the Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan to address changing conditions, analyze the latest information and data, and incorporate lands that have been added to Hungry Valley SVRA since the existing General Plan was adopted in 1981.

In 2015, California State Parks purchased 845 acres to add to Hungry Valley SVRA. These lands abut the northern boundary of Hungry Valley SVRA and can be seen from the Condor Mesa overlook. The area is referred to as the Condor Mesa area. In total, Hungry Valley SVRA includes approximately 19,625 acres.

The updated General Plan will provide a comprehensive management plan for Hungry Valley SVRA. A General Plan serves as a blueprint for future decisions about land use, facilities, recreation opportunities, and management of natural, cultural, and physical resources, among other topics, and is required by the California Public Resources Code (PRC §5002.2).



### Location

Hungry Valley SVRA is located in Los Angeles, Kern, and Ventura Counties near the communities of Gorman and Lebec adjacent to Interstate 5 at Tejon Pass. Lands of the Los Padres National Forest are to the west and the Angeles National Forest is to the south and east. The Department of Water Resources manages land to the east.



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### **Project Fact Sheet - Page 2**

#### **Environmental Review**

The General Plan will be subject to a comprehensive environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines included in PRC §21000. To meet CEQA requirements, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to analyze potential significant impacts and consider alternatives, potential measures that may mitigate or reduce impacts for the General Plan Update.

### Step-by-Step: Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan + EIR

Project Start-Up & Public Participation 🕁

Draft Guiding Statements 🍄

**Existing Conditions** 

Draft Planning Concepts 🏧

Preferred Planning Concept

Preliminary General Plan + Draft EIR 🛱

Draft General Plan + Final EIR 🛱

Final General Plan + Certified EIR 🛠

- Completed Step in Planning Process
- Current Step in Planning Process
- Future Step in Planning Process
- 🗘 Opportunities to Get Involved

#### Your involvement and input is important!

Public involvement and input is important and will play a significant role in the process of updating the Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan. There are 3 ways to stay involved and share your thoughts and ideas about the Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan Update + EIR:

**Visit** <u>www.PlanHungryValley.com</u> Learn more about the General Plan Update + EIR. California State Parks will also accept comments online during opportunities for public involvement.

### Stay Up-to-Date through Email

Emails will be sent to stakeholders that request to receive news and updates. Emails will be sent to announce public meetings, provide notice when there are opportunities to comment, and share documents that are available for review.



### Attend a Meeting

Meetings will be held throughout the General Plan Update process to get input from stakeholders and the public, and share information about the General Plan Update and EIR.

Questions, Comments, or Suggestions:

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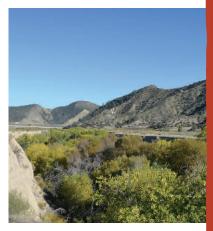
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## Public Workshop Flyer



## We want to hear from you!

We are continuing our efforts to gather input on Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan Update. Draft Concept Alternatives for the General Plan have been developed, taking into consideration input from previous public outreach events. This is an opportunity for us to gather more information from you, our visitors, on what you think of these options for the General Plan. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all information and input will be provided and gathered in a virtual format.



Please forward this information to friends and family that visit Hungry Valley SVRA, so that they can provide their input too!

## HELP PLAN HUNGRY VALLEY SVRA!

## Please visit our website to learn more and provide your input!

Information on the Draft Concept Alternatives will be available from February 15 through March 17, 2021, and can be found at the project website <u>www.PlanHungryValley.com</u>

In addition, you can attend a live virtual public meeting on one of the following dates and times:

### 1 Live Virtual Public Meeting #1

Monday, March 1, 2021, 2 - 3 p.m. Click here to register for this meeting date.

### 2 Live Virtual Public Meeting #2

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Click here to register for this meeting date.

The public meetings will be recorded and available on the Hungry Valley website.

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# Appendix D

## Email Blast & Reminders

### **Concept Alternative Workshop - Email Blast**



### We want to hear from you!

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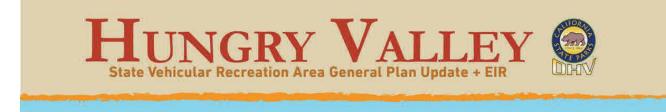
#### Want to Stay Involved?

If you have not yet had a chance to provide input, have more information to share, or just want to stay updated on the development of the Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan, there will be more opportunities to provide input in the future. Look for additional e-mails, updates on the General Plan project website (www.PlanHungryValley.com), posts on Facebook, and notices throughout Hungry Valley SVRA.

### We look forward to hearing from you!

Project Contact: Katie Metraux Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division California State Parks info@PlanHungryValley.com P.O. Box 1360 Lebec, California 93243

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# Appendix E

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Based on public input received thus far throughout the General Plan Update process, as well as evaluation of the existing conditions at Hungry Valley SVRA, California State Parks has developed a set of Concept Alternatives. These <u>Concept Alternatives</u> will be used to develop a Preferred Alternative, which will then be used as the basis for the updated General Plan. We would like your input on the Concept Alternatives. Please use the Alternative maps nomenclature to guide you through the survey.

Below is a series of questions covering the different components of the project area that includes: access and connections, camping, facilities, recreation and amenities. Please when the form has been completed

you can mail it to:

Attn: Meghan Haggblade 401 West A. Street, Suite 1200 San Diego, CA 92101

**Question 1:** Under both Concept Alternative 1 and Concept Alternative 2, additional trails are proposed to increase connectivity between the main body of Hungry Valley SVRA, the Condor Mesa Area (C1), and Los Padres National Forest (C2, C3). If these trail connections are implemented, how often would you see yourself using them?

Never
Occasionally
Regularly

**Question 2:** Under Concept Alternative 2, a connection is proposed to Road Runner Trail (C4) that will connect the main body of Hungry Valley SVRA with the island of land owned by California State Parks to the southwest of Hungry Valley SVRA. If that connection were added, do you see yourself using the trail?

Yes
No

**Question 3:** Under Concept Alternative 2, a new reservable group campground (G2) is proposed near Smith Forks Campground and an RV campground (G3) with full hookups is proposed near Frazier Mountain Road. Would you use either of these campgrounds when visiting the park?

_ Y	′es,	both
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Yes, the reservable group campground near Smith Forks Campground

- Yes, the RV campground near Frazier Mountain Road
- No, neither

**Question 4:** Under Concept Alternative 1, the Visitor Center (V1) will be upgraded to meet accessibility standards but remain in its current location. Under Concept Alternative 2, a new Visitor Center (V1) would be constructed near the Smith Forks Campground. Which location would you be more inclined visit?

Near Smith Forks Campground

**Question 5:** Under Concept Alternative 1 and Concept Alternative 2, a staging area (SA) with designated parking, shade ramadas, and OHV loading/offloading ramps is proposed near the Smith Forks Campground. How often would you use the proposed area?

Never
Ocasionally
Regularly

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**Question 6:** Under Concept Alternative 1, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)(U1) area is proposed at the Quail Canyon Special Event Area. Under Concept Alternative 2, a UAV (U1) area is proposed near Smith Forks Campground. Which location do you prefer for UAV use?

HUNGRY VALLEY State Vehicular Recreation Area General Plan Update + EIR

	Quail	Canyon	Special	Event	Area
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Near Smith Forks Campground

Neither - I prefer to not have an UAV area at Hungry Valley SVRA

**Question 7:** Under Concept Alternative 1 and Concept Alternative 2, a new adult skill track (ST) near the Smith Forks Campground and a new kid's practice track (KT) near Edison Campground are proposed. Do you feel that there is a need at Hungry Valley SVRA for these additional tracks?

Yes, both a	re needed
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Only the adult skill track is needed

Only the kids' track is needed

Neither are needed

**Question 8:** Under Concept Alternative 1 a mobile concession (MC) is proposed at Quail Canyon Special Event Area and under Concept Alternative 2, a permanent concession (PC) is proposed at Quail Canyon Special Event Area. Which do you think would be more beneficial to Hungry Valley SVRA visitors?

Mobile Concessions
 Permanent Concessions
 Neither

**Question 9:** Under Concept Alternative 2, a community event area (E2) is proposed in the Condor Mesa Area. Near the community event area an automatic payment system, electric vehicle charging stations, and mobile concessions are proposed. This area could be open for community gatherings, reserved for private events or could be used for California State Parks-hosted events. How often would you use the new community area?

	Never
	Ocasionally
1	Often

Question 10: Overall, which Concept Alternative do you prefer?

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Concept Alternative 2

**Question 11:** Do you have any other comments you would like to share for consideration? Feel free to reference specific amenities by category that haven't been covered in the questions above. Categories include Access and Connections, Circulation, Facilities, Camping, Recreation, and Amenities.

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# **Appendix F**

# Open-Ended Responses to Questionnnaire

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1	Many great things here! Love improving, adding connecting trails, ability to reserve
-	camp sites - but still have some first come first serve, improving gold hill road (very
	beat up to drive RVs), and adding concessions
2	A skills area for Trials and Enduro riding are badly needed in the park. Trials is ignored
-	here in general but is a great low impact way to learn to ride at an advanced level. An
	Enduro course is needed to allow visitors to concentrate on off road skills needed to
	safely enjoy the trails in the Los Padres. This should include a rock garden, logs, beams,
	tires and other obstacles of various difficulty to progress individual skills on. This is
	possibly best created at the proposed adult skills track
3	I would like to see a small area set aside for ATV safety training.
4	I definately [sic] like the idea of re-paving gold hill road and the lower entrance road.
	Also love the idea of an rv camping area with hookups, Having a waste tank dump site
	would be great! In addition, any new trails added would be wonderful!
5	I really appreciate the work put in here. I feel that CA#2 a) will change the character of
	HV for the worse and b) will lead to an overwhelming amount of weekend OHV riders
	when it is already dangerous. I'm not opposed to CA#2 park facility upgrades, but am
	adamantly opposed the RV campground and permanent concessions. Not to be glib
	but what's nextheated cabins and glamping? The current campgrounds are awesome
	and offer something for everyone, and from the RVs I see it doesn't seem they have
	been left out. Once the roads are paved they it will be even easier for RVs to access all
	campgrounds.
6	MORE ONE WAY MOTORCYCLE ONLY TRAILS
7	I think more trails need to be made one way, with the increase in traffic. They need to
	limit the number of UTV's and enforce speed limits, I've had several dangerous
	encounters with these belligerent drivers. The new additions to the off road riding
8	world think its mad Max & are often drinking, speeding, and not using common sense!
8	Under either Alternative, proposed paving of Gold Hill Road would need to be facilitated and approved thru the Los Padres NF Engineering Staff, as this road is
	actually "owned" by that agency and not State Parks. Any maintenance/improvement
	to that road would need to be to Forest Service required standards. Any proposed
	changes or improvement implementation regarding East Frazier and Tejon Trails would
	also need to be coordinated with and approved by the Mt Pinos Ranger District Ranger
	and Recreation Staff prior to implementation. Development of the area adjacent to
	Frazier Mtn Park Road needs to provide for a barrier system and patrolling to prevent
	encroachment onto the Los Padres NF from trails proposed to be developed in that
	area. Except for the two aforementioned designated trails that enter the Los Padres NF
	from the SVRA, the barrier system between the current HVSVRA and the Los Padres
	needs to be improved to prevent encroachment from the main SVRA onto the Forest.
	Any changes in use, proposed facilities changes and/or construction at the north
	entrance would also need to be proposed to and approve by the Los Padres NF, as that
	area in gray around that entrance is National Forest lands. These may require changes
	to or re-issuance of existing authorization documents that covers the facilities allowed
	and types of operations that occurs at that site.

**Open-Ended Responses to Questionnaire** 

March 2021

Comment	Comment
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9	Will the fees for reserved camping be used to maintain/create new amenities at Hungry Valley/ Where do the monies go? We need easier OHV access to adjacent areas Alamo Mountain/Piru. Perhaps a parallel trail on Gold Hill Road.
10	I visit Hungry Valley often for Jeep offroading [sic], and would love to see a new full hookup campground built that can accommodate large RVs. So even though I prefer plan 1, I wanted to note this part of plan 2 that really interests me. Given the shortage of RV campgrounds in southern Calif - those of us with large MHs are always excited to see more opening up, you should have no problem recovering those construction costs over time with reservations. I just wish you could give priority reservations to CA residents that are actually visiting Hungry Valley!
11	More trails that are One Way. And trails that specific to bike quad and SxS
12	Full hookup reserved sites would be awesome
13	there has to a noise rule for for inconsiderate groups that are playing loud music after sun down [sic]. and all dogs need to be leashed and supervised.
14	wish to have more 1-way trails, Love the current configuration just want more trails
15	more trails are good and motorcycle only trails should be added for motorcyclist safety. It does not seem to me that additional buildings (visitor centers, concessions, etc) are necessary.
16	The re-paving of Gold Hill Rd from the North entrance to Hungry Valley Rd is an absolute necessity for proper access and visitor safety. Even though it is posted a street-legal vehicles only, the southern half of the paved road is in such poor condition that many visitors on non-street legal vehicles assume that it is one of the trails accessible to their non-street legal OHV's, which results in conflicts between those fast moving OHV's and much larger and slower vehicles ( cars, trucks & RV's) that are trying to navigate the rough roads to access their day camps or camp sites. The access road from the South entrance (Hungry Valley Rd) should stay as it is as long as it continues to be groomed occasionally.
17	Seems like a "push pull" survey. Example: "Which district office location would you visit?" Obviously folks would visit the closer one, but asking folks if they even care to visit the office should be established first. Also there are no costs associated with any of the options. Folks should know the fiscal impacts before being asked to make a recommendation.
18	Camping without a vehicle or ORV allowed. Overnight, too. Thank you. Please lower prices-keep them low.
19	Many great things here! Love improving, adding connecting trails, ability to reserve camp sites - but still have some first come first serve, improving gold hill road (very beat up to drive RVs), and adding concessions
20	I think hungry Valley should be left the way it is the whole reason to get away from the city is to go to a Hungry Valley that's where I take my family and have been since I was a child in 1987. The park has been upgraded in a lot of ways up till now and they have been great! I would love to continue to expose my family to nature and not the city please keep it the way it is for a future years thank you.
21	I feel that adding concessions to Quail Canyon would only benefit the weekend users of the moto track, and that a mobile concessioner placed throughout the SVRA would be more beneficial. I also with this improvements to the SVRA there will be a need for better enforcement of the park rules especially in the camping areas.

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Introduction

BlueRibbon Coalition/ShareTrails (BRC) is writing to provide feedback for the Hungry Valley General Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report. BRC is a national non-profit organization that champions responsible recreation and encourages a strong conservation ethic and individual stewardship. We champion responsible use of public lands for the benefit of all recreationists by educating and empowering our members to secure, protect, and expand shared outdoor recreation access and use by working collaboratively with other recreationists, public lands officials, and natural resource managers. Our members use motorized and non-motorized means of recreation, including OHVs, equestrian activities, mountain biking and hiking to access and enjoy recreating upon state and federally managed lands throughout the United States.

Included in our membership and network of supporters are outdoor enthusiasts who live in and/or recreate in California and use motorized vehicles to access National and State Park managed lands throughout the state, including the Hungry Valley SVRA. In addition to access travel itself, BRC members visit the lands mentioned herein for motorized recreation, sightseeing, wildlife and nature study, camping and other outdoor recreational pursuits. BRC members and supporters have concrete, definite, and immediate plans to continue such activities in the future and we hope to preserve responsible access to these areas for generations to come.

#### General Comments

The Hungry Valley area is a very popular area for off-highway use, camping, family gatherings, and other recreational activities which our members support and enjoy. Its close proximity to Kern, Tulare, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, San Diego, Ventura, and Santa Barbara offers a convenient escape for locals and has become a long-standing site for family gatherings. These factors, along with the area's diverse and well-developed motorized trail system, has served to provide a rich array of opportunities for nature and wildlife enjoyment and outdoor challenges to motorized and non-motorized recreationists alike.

As public land officials work to preserve the beauty, life, and resources in this area, as well as to develop and maintain the area for public use, strong consideration should be given to OHV trail

development since the minimization of OHV related impacts is often facilitated by the proper designation and maintenance of trails in areas where OHV use has historically occurred and or is likely to occur. Furthermore, OHV trail access in many areas across the nation has served to provide access to other non-motorized recreational activities that would not otherwise be easily reached. In the development of trails in this area, special consideration should also be given to the development of trail systems in new land acquisition areas such as the Frazer Park Acquisition area, and to the development of connector trails between the park and adjacent National Forest areas such as the Los Padres National Forest and Angeles National Forest to create complete trail loops.

We strongly suggest that as these trail systems are developed and maintained that the existing user conflicts and safety concerns between motorcycle motorists and side x side motorists be resolved through the addition of one-way trail systems and the addition of parallel, single track motorcycle trails rather than through the closure of trail systems to side x sides. While there may be understandable concern that the addition of parallel tracks would negatively impact the soil and other natural resources, we submit that the addition of single-track motorcycle trails would be one of minimal impact as motorcycle trails are narrower and are able to wind through existing vegetation. Such winding can, in some cases, even serve to enhance the motorcyclist's experience as it adds variety and challenge to motorcycle trails. This is an excellent example of the possible harmony that can exist between recreation and preservation. We also submit that by resolving user conflict through the addition of trails and the establishment of one-way trail systems, rather than by the closure of certain trails to a particular user group for the advantage of another honors the recreational community as a whole as well as the tradition of the area which includes family gatherings and moderately sized groups that are more likely to use larger offroad vehicles such as side x sides. We recommend that the Hollister Trail system be used as an example in the process of establishing a series of one-way trails to help with this issue.

As management planning moves forward, we would also hope to see specific changes and actions taken as outlined in the following sections.

#### **Trail Connections**

We recommend that a partnership between the Los Padres National Forest, the Hungry Valley SVRA, and other stakeholders be made to install a trail parallel to Gold Hill Road in order to connect the National Forest and Hungry Valley SVRA. This would create a more seamless experience for all off-road recreationists on both trail systems.

We also recommend that that a connecting trail between the Angeles National Forest and Hungry Valley be installed in connection with the Smokey Bear land acquisition. Trails that could be connected to already exist in the Angeles National Forest. All that is needed is a linkage between the two areas installed either under or over 1-5.

In the effort to provide a seamless experience between additional areas, we also recommend that Snowy Trail be developed to provide a connection between King's Camp and Hungry Valley. These would provide particularly helpful access for non-street legal vehicles and reduce the need to pull out and haul around to one or the other site.

#### Trail Additions & Extensions

We respectfully request that the connection to Alamo Mountain be extended. We also request that attention be given to create trail development in the southern parcel of the new Frazier Park Acquisition Area. As referred to earlier in these comments, we also request that parallel, single track trails for motorcyclists, as well as one way trail systems in areas with blind corners and other safety concerns, be developed.

#### Other Requests

As management planning moves forward, we also respectfully request that the following propositions be implemented:

- 1) That a mountain bike course and remote campsite be installed in the 2015 Frazier Park Acquisition area with access from Frazier Mountain Road
- 2) That the mountain bike use area be increased with trails for cross-country use, including downhill trails, pump tracks, and trails on natural terrain with signage such as is seen in the Stafford Lake bike area
- 3) That Snowy Trail be reopened along Gold Hill Road to provide improved access
- 4) That an offloading area be created at the South Entrance to the park

#### Conclusion

We would like to conclude by saying that we support access to this and other state and national resources for all recreation user groups. As long as overall visitation numbers are appropriate for the affected resources, the activities of various types of motorized users as well as of non-motorized users can be compatible with one another so long as individual users understand designations and plan their activities accordingly. We believe that harmony between different types of motorized groups can be further improved in this area through the installation of one-way trail systems and parallel single track trail systems. We also believe that responsible development of additional trail systems in new acquisition areas, between lands, and within the park as traditionally constituted will beneficially increase accessibility to non-motorized recreational activities.

The agency should consider ways to manage park and recreation use in such a way that prevents our public lands from becoming places where certain users are excluded based on their culture and recreational preferences and other are not or where land use for a variety of responsible recreationists is unhelpfully hampered. We hope to see the park and its new acquisition areas managed in such a way as to continue and improve the facilitation of the responsible recreational activities which improve quality of life for so many of this area's residents, to preserve the land, and to create a management environment that promotes the responsible enjoyment and respect of Hungry Valley's beauty, resources, and opportunities.

BRC would like to be considered an interested public for this project. Information can be sent to the following address and email address:

Ben Burr BlueRibbon Coalition P.O. Box 5449 Pocatello, ID 83202 brmedia@sharetrails.org

Sincerely,

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# **Appendix G**

# Public Meeting Presentation

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# Virtual Public Meeting

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## Welcome!

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Public Meeting #1 March 1, 2021 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Public Meeting #2 March 3, 2021 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Link to Virtual Public Workshop: http://www.planhungryvalley.com/home-w-alternatives

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### Agenda

- Process Overview
- Existing Conditions
- Alternatives
- Comparison of the Alternatives
- Questions & Answers
- Get involved!
- Next Steps
- Additional Questions & Answers



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## **Process Overview**

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## What is a General Plan?

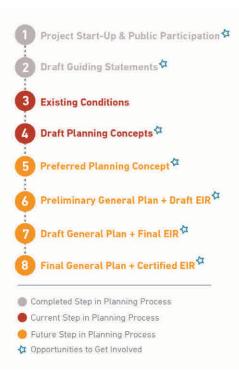
- Guides future development and enhancement of the park
- Establishes a long-term vision and goals
- Identifies potential improvements
- Directs future management, resource stewardship, and public use
- Sets priorities for spending on improvement projects

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## Why Update the Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan?

- A California State Park must have an approved general plan before any major park facilities can be developed
- Existing General Plan adopted in 1981
- Guide decisions for the next 20 to 30 years in areas such as land use, facilities, recreation opportunities, and management of natural, cultural and physical resources
- New State Parks Planning Guidelines
- New OHV and environmental laws
- Changing conditions and uses

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## General Plan Update Process

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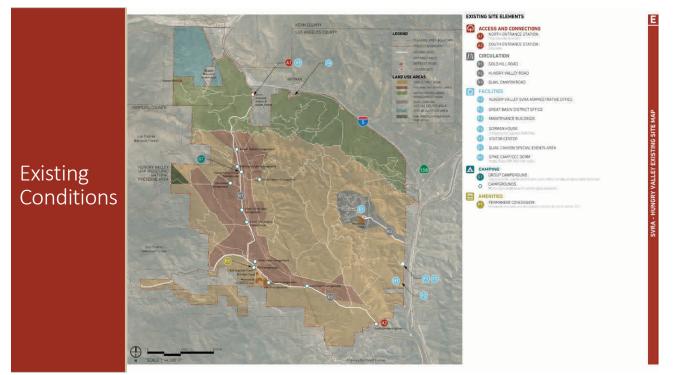
- California State Parks has developed the Concept Alternatives for the General Plan Update
- Concept Alternatives help develop the Preferred Alternative
- Concept Alternatives are shared to gather public input for the Hungry Valley SVRA

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## **Existing Conditions**

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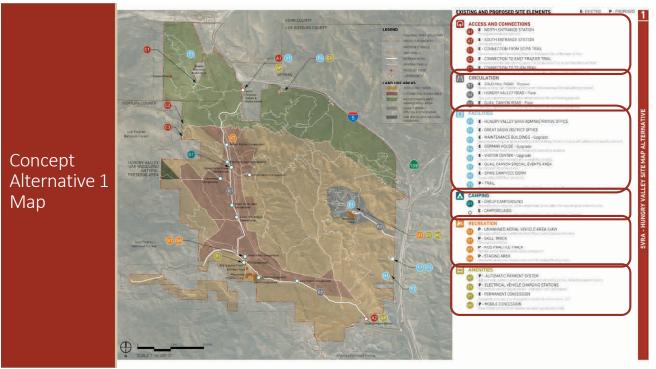


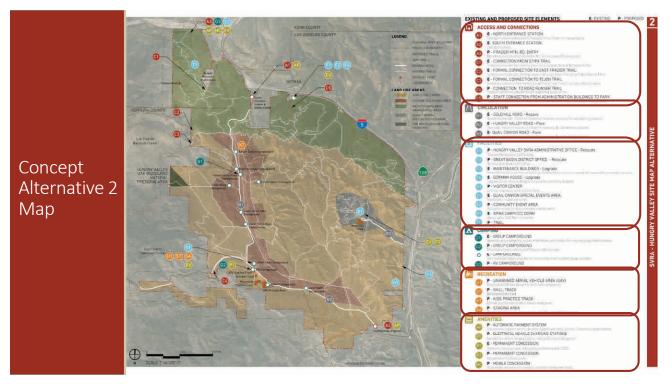
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## Alternatives

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## Comparison of Alternatives

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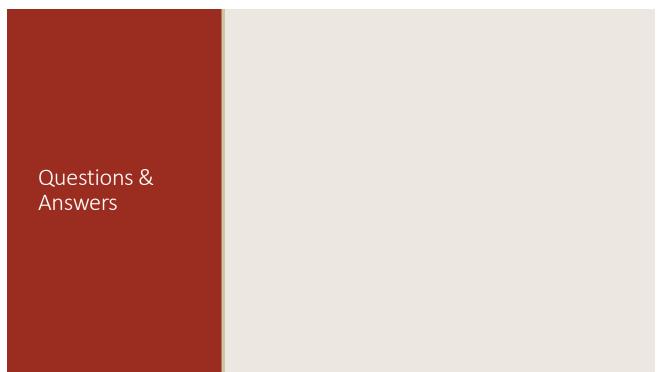
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## Comparison of Alternatives

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KIDS PRACTICE TRACK	N/A	$\oslash$	$\oslash$	
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# Comparison of Alternatives



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## Get involved: We want to hear from you!

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## **Next Steps**

- Explore feedback on the alternatives and publish summary
- Formulate preferred alternative
- Prepare draft general plan and EIR
- Public review
- Finalize general plan and EIR



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# **Appendix H**

# Public Meeting Comments

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Attendee #	Timestamp	Comment
Moderator	2:02 PM	Hello everyone - thank you for joining the meeting today. We are going to wait a few more minutes to see if any other attendees join and then we will go ahead and get started.
Attendee #1	2:03 PM	Just as a fyi I could not logon using my email and had to login
Response		Our apologies for that. Thank you for letting us know. We'll monitor any other attendees that might be having the same issue - Hungry Valley Team
Attendee #2	2:05 PM	Good afternoon all!
Response		Thank you for joining us! We'll be starting in a few.
Attendee #3	2:07 PM	Has it started
Response		Yes, thanks for joining us.
Attendee #4	2:21 PM	Can you provide any additional information about the proposed trail connectivity between the LPNF and Hungry Valley SVRA?
Response		Trail connections exist today but they're just not formalized. They idea in formalizing the trail connections is that there could be better connections to work with other stakeholders and work with existing landowners and provide additional recreation opportunities for visitors.
Attendee #4	2:35 PM	Thanks!
Attendee #5	2:33 PM	Will there be an extra charge for the proposed RV hookups?
Response		The fee would be for a premium campground not an overnight rate.
Attendee #1	2:33 PM	For both plans is there going to be a increase in Ranger Law enforcement, and for the trianing [sic] options an services?
Response		The number of ranger positions they have at the park is set until a budget amendment occurs.
Attendee #3	2:34 PM	Will the new proposed road from Gorman house affect current trails
Response		No changes to the trails in that area. The proposed trail from the Gorman House into the park would just be a trail for staff, would not impact surrounding trails and it would connect into the existing trail system.
Attendee #6	2:34 PM	I'm curious why a third, staffed entrance by Condor Mesa is being considered when the existing two are VERY seldom busy.
Response		The third entrance under Concept Alternative 2 is because RV campgrounds are proposed there. The main idea is to facilitate access to the RV area, community event area, and group campgrounds.

Has there been any discussion about adding more one-way trails

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Attendee #7

2:35 PM

with either alternatives

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Response		One-way trails are looked at on a case-by-case basis. The main consideration is that they have to provide a destination and an outlet. If a trail has to be looped around because there's nowhere to go then a one-way trail is not possible.
Attendee #6	2:35 PM	Also, why an automatic payment system when the Rangers have to perform a spark arrester check anyway?
Response		The automatic payment machines allow for after-hours payment options for visitors to come in, pay the registration fee and provides a credit card option.
Attendee #8	2:35 PM	What would Concessions include?
Response		No specific concessionaires are identified at this time. The General Plan would not go into this level of detail and only would identify a space for future opportunities to have concessions in certain areas of the park.
Attendee #1	2:35 PM	will the fees for the additional RV sites (with the service connections) be a additionsal [sic] fees
Response		Yes – those sites would have additional fees to them that would be part of the Condor Mesa Area in Concept Alternative 2. Fees would likely be equivalent to the going rate in the area for a full hookup site.
Attendee #5	2:35 PM	New trails within FS land will be maintained by whom?
Response		Trails will be maintained by Los Padres National Forest.
Attendee #9	2:35 PM	Who can I speak to directly about the Aquisition [sic] Area on Frazier Park Road in regard to planning usage?
Response		This is the time to provide input so please add it in the website activities, but you can also reach out State Parks.
Attendee #8	2:41 PM	Does one concept open more riding area up versus the other?
Response		It's the same riding area under both but there are small portions under Concept Alternative 2 that go from open riding to trails only.
Attendee #7	2:45 PM	Is mobile concession, mean a truck or trailer that roams the park with food and drinks?
Response		Truck or trailer but no other specifics at this point and any concessionaire would have to go through the process. There is one area near the ATV Campground Area, currently the activity center, where it would be envisioned to have the concessions. Any suggestions that the public would like to see at the park are encouraged.
Attendee #1	2:46 PM	Will the rules of teh [sic] SVRA start to be enforced? examples loud parties with bands going on all night with no enforcement of the "quite hours"

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Response		If there's an issue with the park, the public can call 9-1-1 and a ranger will be dispatched to the area to address any issues that might be taking place.
Attendee #5	2:48 PM	Gorma [sic] House trail for staff will be designed for motorcycle or quad use?
Response		A formal decision has not been made yet. Currently, the rangers have an ROV so the aim will be for something of that similar size.
Attendee #11	2:58 PM	Can some funds be set-aside for "Keep right on all trails" signage (please)?
Response		That is something that can be placed in the comments for the General Plan update. State Parks currently has a set of educational signs but can look at this in the future.
Attendee #3	2:59 PM	How are you planning on changing the current entrances to Los Padres NF
Response		No specifics at this time with the General Plan.
Attendee #12	2:59 PM	Thanks for hosting and more one-way trails : )
Attendee #1	2:59 PM	with the addition of the special use areas, will there be more training for the "New Users" of Side by Sides to help with the learning of trail safety rules also for the new Condor Area who is or rather will be volunteer input for the trails and there skill designation
Response		State Parks acknowledges the need for safety education and notes they have a robust educational program.
Attendee #5	2:59 PM	How will you protect the automatic fee machines from vamdalism [sic]?
Response		They machines are in use at state parks. They are extremely heavy metal machines that take credit card information and cash, bolted into the ground in cement, and those within the district have held up very well.
Attendee #1	3:01 PM	Is there a designated location for the concession area and what would be the hours for the service
Response		There are general areas on the concept alternatives maps being considered for mobile and/or permanent concessions. Hours for service are not decided at this time.
Attendee #5	3:02 PM	Concessionair [sic]: Suggest basic maintenance of OHV's ie tires/tube changes, selling of lubricants, air cleaners, and safety riding equipment (helmets, goggoles [sic], boots, vests backpacks, etc.), and simple snacks/water.
Attendee #8	3:02 PM	What does "trails only" designation restrict?
Response		This means you stay on the trails, no off-trail riding.

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Attendee #1	3:04 PM	are the Questions fron a anomous [sic] logon being viewed? I am
		not seeing them on the comment? Questions
Attendee #1	3:04 PM	So could the Concessioner be a ATV/UTV rental?
Attendee #5	3:04 PM	Nice job, thanks.
Attendee	3:04 PM	Thanks for hosting and more one-way trails : )
#13		
Attendee #5	3:04 PM	Yes, "keep right signage", as too many greenhorns dont follow basic
		safety rules.
Attendee #8	3:06 PM	Thank you all for taking the time to talk to the public.
Attendee #1	3:07 PM	To clarify is the concession only to be food? or can it ATV rentals
Response		It does not just have to be food/drink. ATV rentals could be an
		option to consider

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Attendee #1	6:44 PM	Can a trail to get around the section of Gold Hill Road from Piru trail to access the rest of the trail system.
Response		Hungry Valley SVRA has a road runner trail from the north entrance to west boundary, besides a piece of road in the Los Padres National Forest. The rest would have to be decided by the Department of Parks and Recreation and US Forest Service.
Attendee #2	6:52 PM	Would Quail Valley proposed UAV area still allow motorcycle riding in that area?
Attendee #2	6:54 PM	question above is referring to Concept alternative 1
Response		Yes – the proposed UAV in Quail Canyon would still allow motorcycles in the event area and UAV use would be discussed in the management policies in the General Plan.
Attendee #3	7:02 PM	In both Concept 1 and 2 plans, will the Condor Mesa expansion property be utilized exclusively for designated trails OHV use?
Response		The Condor Mesa would be trails only riding area to keep it consistent with the north part of the SVRA to balance resource protection while still allowing OHV use.
Attendee #4	7:03 PM	Hi, I am interested in the plans policy on special events. Can you describe?
Response		The General Plan will provide updated policies and guidelines. Policies for special events are being looked at internally and at the State but events are postponed at this time due to the pandemic.
Attendee #3	7:05 PM	thank you
Attendee #2	7:05 PM	does either plan convert a few trails to one-way travel, i.e Mesa Trail
Response		We don't have those details at this time but those would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. State Parks looks at existing trails and whether the trails need to be changed.
Attendee #3	7:07 PM	Will special events permits costs be increasing with new secondary special event area approved? it is important to keep special event permit reservations for Honey Velly [sic] camp area and the new facility as low as possible
Response		Special event permits are being looked at internally and at the State and under review.
Attendee #3	7:08 PM	low and fair cost special permits should be available for all to attain
Attendee #4	7:11 PM	Does the park currently have an RV dump station? If not, is the addition of one in the plan?
Response		There is not currently an RV dump station and the General Plan would not include the addition of one. The proposed RV area would be in the Condor

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Attendee #	Timestamp	Comment
		Mesa Area which is near the Flying J Dump Station and it would be expected to utilize that dump station.
Attendee #3	7:15 PM	just to clarify, full hook ups for new rv spots
Response		Yes – full energy hook ups would be provided in the RV Campground in Concept Alternative 2.
Attendee #4	7:16 PM	Thank you!
Attendee #3	7:16 PM	thank you