

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, May 19, 2021
6:30 P.M.*

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

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Commissioners: Vacant, District I;
William Chapman, District II;
Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III;
Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and
Ucedrah Osby, District V

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Former Commissioner, Gary Bray of District 1; **PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO FORMER COMMISSIONER.**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

2. Item number two is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. No response is required from the Commission or staff, and no action can be taken on items not on the agenda; however, Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. Commissioners may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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 - i. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on April 21, 2021; **APPROVE**
 - ii. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. General Services – Status Updates; **INFORMATIONAL**
 - i. Hart Memorial Park – Update
 - ii. California Ave. Property – Update
 - ii. Proposition 68 – Per Capita – Update
 - iii. Proposition 68 – Regional Parks Program – Update
 - iv. Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Park – Update
5. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**
6. Park Showcase – Lamont Park – District 4; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Consideration of Administrative and Procedural Rules for the Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Commission; **ADOPT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL RULES**
8. Kern County OHV 2021 Grant Cycle Applications; **DISCUSS; REVIEW GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTALS; SUBMIT GRANT AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for June 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted as a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams (*unless otherwise changed and published*).

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Parks and Recreation Commission

Public Presentations, Comments, and Requests



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Consent Agenda

MINUTES

Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

A meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Chairman Osby presided.

Present: Commissioner William Chapman, District II; Commissioner Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; and Lorena Cervantes, District IV

Absent: Vacant, District I;

Staff: Brian Van Wyk – Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill – Chief General Services Officer; Carl Brewer, Senior CAO Manager – General Services; and Matt Howard, General Services Manager – General Services.

Others: There were seventeen (17) others present

NOTE: Ch, Ar, Ce, and Os are abbreviations for Commissioners Bray, Chapman, Arnold-Chambers, Cervantes, and Osby. As an example, Ar-Ch denotes Commissioner Arnold-Chambers made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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MARION VARGAS HEARD REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

2. Scheduled Presentation by Eddy Laine: Report regarding Hart Park Working Group issues.

EDDY LAINE HEARD REGARDING THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP ISSUES.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Commission or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence.

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on March 17, 2021. CH-AR TO APPROVE THE MARCH 17, 2021, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED

- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. CE-CH TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM BILL COOPER DATED AUGUST 2, 2019, REGARDING THE PRIORITIES OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 21, 2021, FROM THE SIERRA CLUB KERN-KAWEAH CHAPTER REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 1, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING LEVERAGE FUNDING; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 26, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING; THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 10, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING; THE CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 22, 2021, FROM EDDY LAINE REGARDING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE MARCH 17, 2021, MEETING, AND THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 30, 2021, FROM SHILHA HALL REGARDING BOAT RACING AT LAKE MING. 4 AYES 0 OPPOSED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. General Services – Status Updates

- I. Hart Memorial Park – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE HART MEMORIAL PARK ADOBE PROJECT. GEOFFREY HILL ADVISED THAT ONCE THE PLAN CHECK AND PERMITTING PROCESS ARE COMPLETED, THE PROJECT WILL BE SENT OUT TO BID, A CONTRACTOR WILL BE SELECTED, THEN THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN.

- II. Camp Okihi and Shell Park – Received Use Proposals – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT A USE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR CAMP OKIHI FROM THE WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION TO BRING THEIR COMMUNITY YOGA, MEDITATION, SOUND AND SELF-EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM TO THE FACILITY.

KATHERINE AND STEPHEN WINTERS, CFO AND CEO OF THE WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION WERE PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON THEIR ORGANIZATION AND HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO INCORPORATE THEIR PROGRAM INTO CAMP OKIHI.

- III. Proposition 68 – Per Capita – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT THE PER CAPITAL FUNDING AWARD WILL BE ALLOCATED TO CONTINUING WITH THE EXECUTION OF THE HART MEMORIAL MASTER PLAN AS PRESENTED TO THE KERN COUNTY BOARD

OF SUPERVISORS. STAFF IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH FIRMS ON THE DESIGNS FOR A PALY AREA AND WATER FEATURE.

IV. Proposition 68 – Regional Parks Program – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO INFORM THEM THAT STAFF IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE COUNTY’S GRANT CONSULTING FIRM TO BEING THE PROCESS FOR THE REGIONAL PARKS PROGRAM.

V. Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Park – CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) GRANT FOR A FUTURE OHV PARK IN KERN COUNTY.

5. Park Ranger – Status Update – IN THE ABSENCE OF SHANE DENTON, SUPERVISING PARK RANGER, CARL BREWER, SENIOR CAO MANAGER PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 30-DAY RANGER STATUS REPORT.
6. Park Showcase – Camp Yenishante – District 1; STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SHOWCASE OF CAMP YENISHANTE LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1 OF GREENHORN, CA. CAMP YENISHANTE CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 140 PEOPLE, HAS 17 UNHEATED CABINS WITH BUNK BEDS AND ELECTRICITY, A KITCHEN/DINING BUILDING WITH REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, HOT WATER, ELECTRICITY, AND COOKING UTENSILS, A SHOWER BUILDING WITH RESTROOMS, AND AN OUTDOOR THEATER AREA.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Consideration of Administrative and Procedural Rules for the Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Commission; BRIAN VAN WYK – DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL RULES FOR THE PROCESSING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WERE REVIEW. COMMISSION INSTRUCTED STAFF TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE MAY MEETING AGENDA FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION.
8. Future On-site Parks Community Meetings; HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS – COMMISSIONER OSBY INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT A MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WAS HELD AT POTOMAC PARK TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY BASED PLANS FOR THE PARK RENOVATIONS IN THE STATEWIDE PARKS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION. COMMISSIONER OSBY ADVISED THAT THE MEETING WAS A SUCCESS AND ENCOURAGED HER FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN THEIR DISTRICTS AS WELL.
9. Belle Terrace Parks Improvements Update; HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS – STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A VERBAL REPORT REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO BELLE TERRACE PARK OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.
10. List of Parks by District – HEAR PRESENTATION; DISCUSS – STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH A SPREADSHEET OF ALL PARKS BY DISTRICT.

11. Kern County OHV 2021 Grant Cycle Applications; DISCUSS; REVIEW GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTALS. AWARD DECISION TO BE MADE IN MAY 2021 – STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE 2020-2021 OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATIONS FROM THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, STEWARDS OF THE SEQUOIA AND THE KERN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION. IT WAS NOTED BY STAFF THAT ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED MEET THE GRANT CRITERIA, AS THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO HELP SUPPORT STAFF TIME AND EQUIPMENT FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE OR TO PATROL AREAS USED BY OFF HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLES. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS NOTED BY STAFF THAT DECISIONS ON THE APPLICATION AWARD WERE TO BE MADE AT THE MAY 19, 2021, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. On their own initiative, Commission members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. Commissioners may request that an item be agendaized at a future meeting, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request that staff report back to the Commission at a later meeting. IT WAS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION THAT STAFF PLACE THE TOPIC OF RECOGNIZING FORMER COMMISSIONER BRAY ON THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA.

ADJOURNMENT

13. Adjourn at 8:13 p.m. to next regular meeting, scheduled for May 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted as a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Matthew Howard

From: Carol Lair
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 8:02 PM
To: Geoffrey Hill; Carl Brewer; Matthew Howard; Nicholas Cullen; Shane Denton; Barbara Hays
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES AND KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES FOR MARCH 2021

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3-2-21 Picked up a black cat and took it to KCAS for adoption.

3-6-21 Rescued a long haired brown tabby with huge mats of fur all over her body. She was taken to the vet and shaved and then to our sanctuary.

3-6-21 A park visitor reported that a black male cat had been killed by a car.

3-10-21 Three kittens and one adult cat were rescued by park visitors.

3-17-21 Light orange cat picked up and taken to our sanctuary.

3-26-21 Long haired black/white cat with an eye injury rescued and taken to our sanctuary.

1 cat taken to KCAS

3 cats taken to our sanctuary

4 cats taken by park visitors

1 cat killed by a car.

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 9

Matthew Howard

From: Carol Lair
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:56 PM
To: Geoffrey Hill; Carl Brewer; Matthew Howard; Shane Denton; Nicholas Cullen; Barbara Hays; John Pimienta
Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR APRIL 2021

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REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KCAS FOR APRIL 2021

4-9-21 We rescued three 6 week old kittens abandoned at the park and took them to our sanctuary. All three were female.

4-9-21 A cat was hit by a car and killed.

4-20-21 We picked up a friendly cat and took it to KCAS for adoption.

4-22-21 We assisted in the rescue of two dogs abandoned at the park.

4-25-21 We rescued a 4 month old female kitten and took it to our sanctuary.

4 kittens taken to our sanctuary

1 cat taken to KCAS

1 cat died at the park

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM THE PARK: 6

April was the calm before the storm. Kitten season is just beginning and already May is shaping up to be very busy. As of the 12th of May we have removed 12 cats and kittens from the park.

Carol Lair

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April 15, 2021

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Kern County General Services
Kern County Administrative Building
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General Services,
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KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By K Krause

Dear Members of the Commission:

Enclosed are: (1) notes from the April 8, 2021 meeting of the Hart Park Working Group, (2) notes from the February 23, 2021 meeting of the Hart Park Working Group, and (3) Priorities for the Hart Park Working Group.

Enclosed is a recent picture of the canal area with stagnant water (with what appears to be a floating railroad tie). This canal area was referenced during the April 8 meeting.

Please contact me regarding questions or comments. I serve as secretary of the Working Group, which is a committee of the Kern River Parkway Foundation.

Sincerely,



Eddy Laine
17150 Advantage Pointe Court
Bakersfield, CA. 93306
(661) 345-4736

cc: Kern County Board of Supervisors

HART PARK WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES FROM APRIL 8, 2021

Those present included: Stephen Montgomery, Chair, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter, Harry Love and David Schaad, Audubon of Kern, Barbara Reifel, Sharon Briel and Eddy Laine, Sierra Club, Marion Vargas, Hart Park Working Group, Ann Gallon, Hart Park Working Group and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ryan Alsop, Kern County Chief Administrative Officer, James Jervis, County Administrative Office and Geoffrey Hill and Carl Brewer, General Services of County Administrative Office.

This Zoom meeting began at 3:05 P.M. Stephen Montgomery was the Zoom host and Chair of this meeting. (It should be noted that both Ryan Alsop and David Schaad came into the meeting after the meeting started and some participants left the meeting before it ended.)

There were self-introductions. During introductions Barbara Reifel indicated her willingness to assist with program development for the Interpretive Center (Peacock/Adobe House).

PEACOCK HOUSE DEVELOPMENTS AND FUNDING

Stephen Montgomery indicated that recommendations for the development of a building that will be worthwhile and sustainable seemed to be proceeding well.

Geoffrey Hill thanked Stephen Montgomery for the structural recommendations that he had made. He explained that the plans are with the Kern County Building Department and that a flood study has yet to be done. With regard to a timeline he indicated that on April 13th the Board of Supervisors would be requested to approve starting the bidding for construction to proceed, with bids from competing companies expected to be received late in May. In June the winner bid would go to the Board for approval. He further explained that while construction might normally take 60 days that because of the historical nature of this building and specialized work to be performed that work (interior and exterior) would probably take 75 days--with final completion in September.

Stephen Montgomery mentioned that there is a hole in the adobe from some previous work planned or conceived and that he has adobe from work on his own home (which is adobe) which he can give to the firm doing the rehabbing work.

REVIEW OF HART PARK WORKING GROUP SUGGESTIONS REGARDING HART PARK

Eddy Laine read a list of suggestions regarding Hart Park which had previously been made at Working Group meetings--with the request that they be added to the Hart Park Master Plan.

This listed included: (1) rehabbing the old "out building" near the Peacock House for storage, (2) developing a meeting area behind the Peacock House, (3) building a new restroom near the Peacock House, (4) re-purposing the existing concrete platform near the Peacock House into a stage/platform, (5) developing of a San Joaquin Valley Native Plant Garden near the Peacock House, (6) constructing a Peacock roost near the Peacock House, repair and reinforcing the Multi-use Trail in Hart Park near the Peacock House which is now a safety hazard, (7) re-constructing the Water Wheel (or possibly constructing a replica, (8) re-developing the fishing peninsula, (9) the development of the beach at the east end of Hart Lake, (10), bike path-related suggestions previously noted, (11) the development of an equestrian trail management plan, (12) the development of a bank erosion plan, and (13) the development of a management plan for Hart Park. Areas of disagreement with the Master Plan included the development of a dog park and amphitheater. Eddy Laine added that the Working Group has now been a committee of the Kern River Parkway for about a year.

Marion Vargas asked if Kern County staff had a response to these suggestions and asked about cost estimates for work to be performed. She also asked where the county was/is with regard to the Master Plan.

Ryan Alsop joined the meeting at this point and indicated that plans for the upgrading of the park were proceeding as phases of the Master Plan are being implemented. He indicated that lighting and signage and landscaping plans will soon be implemented along with a kids play area. He reviewed the recently completed trail head improvements (by the Sheriff's Shooting Range) and noted a concern that had been raised about the damage to the hills above the parking lot.

There was discussion about the entrance signs. Stephen Montgomery asked about car traffic possibly going under the old entrance sign. Ryan Alsop indicated that the Kern River Parkway had been involved in signage discussions. Eddy Laine reviewed the 13 suggestions of the Working Group for Ryan Alsop. Ryan Alsop agreed with the suggestions—with the exception of the proposal for a new restroom. He said a new restroom would be a major expense. Steve Montgomery noted that there is a restroom near the Peacock House that has recently been available for public use.

Marion Vargas asked whether the Master Plan would be updated. Ryan Alsop responded that there was no need to do so as the suggestions could be implemented by the County Administrative Office.

David Schaad indicated that there was a herbarium at Bakersfield College for which the college wanted to find another home. He offered to arrange to have it given to the Interpretative Center, indicated that he had previously managed a herbarium and offered to manage it in the Interpretative Center.

There was further discussion about the water wheel. Ryan Alsop indicated that it needed to be taken down and stored for the present—with remnants possibly finding other uses in the park (integrated into other projects). Stephen Montgomery explained that it had been

given a "death warrant" as constructed without a foundation. There was a brief discussion about a new (similar) water wheel structure somewhere in the park.

OTHER RELATED QUESTIONS

Eddy Laine explained that Bill Cooper and he had developed other questions for today's meeting and explained that Bill was at a meeting with a group regarding the use of Camp Okihi. Ryan Alsop noted that thanks to county funding there was now limited access to the property—helping prevent vandalism.

Eddy Laine proceeded with questions.

The first was whether Townsend Group or California Consulting could assist the Hart Park Working Group for future grant proposals.

Ryan Alsop responded yes.

James Zervis noted that California Consulting is not contracting by Kern County to provide consulting services, so it would have to be the Townsend Group.

Eddy Laine asked about regional parks funding as being available for interpretive center uses and (1) whether the Parks and Recreation Commission could hold a special workshop or meeting to solicit ideas, and (2) given previous suggestions and as interpretive center is one specific category of funding could an application be developed for Hart Park.

Ryan Alsop responded that as an existing regional park Hart Park is currently the focus of attention for the County Administrative Office and that his office intended to make improvements to upgrade Hart Park's status as a regional park.

Eddy Laine asked about the hills above Hart Park and the cactus preserve which are being degraded and asked if the City of Bakersfield and County of Kern could work together on these issues. Ryan Alsop responded affirmatively and discussed the trailhead improvements (costing \$615,000) with landscaping, a planned pit toilet, and a kiosk explaining native flora and fauna. He indicated that this plan would be going to the Board of Supervisors on April 13. He added that these are in addition to the \$1 million already allocated for the Interpretative Center.

With regard to regional parks funding, Carl Brewer indicated that staff from the Townsend Group and County staff had already identified potential areas for regional grants—including Frazier Park, the campground near Lake Ming and the Buena Vista Recreational area. He said that there was limited funding for the Townsend Group consulting work.

Marion Vargas noted that Frazier Park residents had previously attended Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and that Kern County did need to respond to

requests county-wide and not just from the Working Group. She also asked if the items on April 13th were consent items and Geoffrey Hill indicated that they were.

In response to a question from Ann Gallon, Ryan Alsop indicated that he wanted to clarify that his boyhood memories of Tom Sawyer Island visits at Disneyland which he had mentioned at one meeting should not be taken as an indication that the island in Hart Lake be considered for possible similar usage. He added that plans for a dog park and amphitheater are not in near-term planning and if County staff intended to bring them up again they would consult with the Working Group.

Marion Vargas expressed her appreciation for Ryan Alsop (as Kern County's Chief Administrative Officer) being directly involved with the Working Group. She added that the community-at-large greatly values Hart Park.

Stephen Montgomery also thanked Ryan Alsop and expressed his hope that an attractive, useful and engaging Interpretive Center would be one result from these joint efforts.

There was a discussion about when to hold the next meeting. June 3rd and 10th were discussed with no final decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Notes prepared by Eddy Laine April 11, 2021

HART PARK WORKING GROUP MEETING—FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Those present included: Bill Cooper, President of the Kern River Parkway Foundation (and facilitator of the meeting), Rich O'Neill, Vice-President of the Foundation, Lia Mendez, volunteer with the Foundation, Stephen Montgomery, Chair, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter, Barbara Reifel, Sierra Club, Eddy Laine, Sierra Club, David Schaad, Audubon of Kern, and Marion Vargas, Working Group member.

This Zoom meeting began at 2:05 P.M.

PURPOSE OF MEETING—REVIEW OF KERN RIVER PARKWAY HART PARK PRIORITIES (UPDATED)

Bill Cooper explained that the primary purpose of the meeting was the review a detailed document (Hart Park Priorities—Updated) previously discussed by the Board of Directors of the Kern River Parkway Foundation. This current review is necessary because Kern County staff have indicated that there are big “new plans” for Hart Park based upon the Hart Park Master Plan.

He continued by explaining that the Master Plan, loosely based upon three community meetings, was developed after a public outcry over the proposed \$5 per vehicle Hart Park fee (which was defeated). Those opposed to the fee then developed the Hart Park Working Group (which is now part of the Kern River Parkway Foundation).

Marion Vargas pointed out that the Master Plan is a PowerPoint presentation—without a text.

There was a brief discussion about man-made habitats such as Hart Island in Hart Park which were created many years ago needing habitat protection.

Bill Cooper reviewed aspects of agreement with the Master Plan Power Point presentation with some qualifications: (1) improvements at the gates, (2) a circulation plan for bicycles, (3) 25 miles per hour in the park, but with 20 miles per hour limit on internal streets, (4) a fishing peninsula, but with vehicle access limited so as to replace the dirt parking lot, (5) the proposed beach project at the east end of Lake Ming, (6) trail head improvements (however what is now needed is a resource protection plan given overuse resulting in erosion issues and damaging the nearby cactus preserve), and the (7) the Kern River Parkway Interpretative Center (not mentioned in the Master Plan, but subsequently approved by action of the Board of Supervisors).

Areas of disagreement include: (1) the development of a single-purpose dog park—which could serve as a “dumping ground” for dogs and cats, (2) an amphitheater—as there are nearby amphitheaters, and (3) developing Hart Island as “Treasure Island” for children.

There was also a discussion of the placement of the equestrian trail. Carolyn Belli, President of the Panorama Vista Preserve, had expressed opposition to moving the trail (as indicated in the Hart Park Master Plan) away from the Kern River. There was also a discussion of hazardous conditions in a portion of the trail near the Peacock House. In continuing discussion it was pointed out that California State Resources Code 1600 posits responsibility to repairing the current trail with Kern County and that a report could be filed with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Stephen Montgomery suggested that what are needed are: (1) an equestrian assessment management plan and (2) a river bank erosion plan.

Marion Vargas asked whether there is a management plan for Hart Park—whether one exists.

David Schaad suggested these kinds of issues indicate that Kern County General Services have their “hands so full” that they cannot effectively manage parks. He added his endorsement of a separate a separate parks department (as had existed until 2017).

All present agreed that the Kern River Parkway Hart Park Priorities needed to be sent to the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Kern County Administrative Office, Supervisor Mike Maggard and Supervisor Maggard’s Chief of Staff Jeff Flores. Marion Vargas suggested that a formal response to these priorities be requested.

ADOBE (PEACOCK HOUSE) PROJECT REVIEW

At this point Bill Cooper shifted the discussion to a brief review of the status of the Adobe (Interpretative Center). He indicated that a formal bid process for the work to be performed is to begin next month. Stephen Montgomery indicated that the Working Group needed to review the final plans before construction begins.

Lia Mendez was asked to discuss her possible work with the project. She began with brief biological notes. She is at the University of Montana in a Master’s Degree Program in Environmental Studies.

Bill Cooper expressed his hope that she could be hired on a part-time basis when back in Bakersfield to develop a business plan for the Adobe Interpretive Center. She indicated that she would submit a written request for possible part-time funding for this summer—to create a business plan.

Barbara Reifel indicated her interest in developing a curriculum for the Peacock House Interpretative Center.

David Schaad indicated that Audubon had done fund raising funding for brochures and exhibits in the Peacock House.

Bill Cooper explained that one major next step would be the development of a formal lease for the Peacock House and surrounding area. Stephen Montgomery suggested that the nearby shop be included in the lease.

There was a brief discussion of the importance of the Interpretive Center as a Kern County asset and future grant funding—which Eddy Laine indicated needed collaboration with and support of Kern County.

Marion Vargas suggested a meeting with Supervisor Mike Maggard and Chief of Staff Jeff Flores as an update about the current plans.

Bill Cooper also noted that a management plan for the Riparian Preserve was another project in the work by the Parkway Foundation.

The meeting ended at 3:15 P.M.

Notes by Eddy Laine

PRIORITIES FOR HART PARK WORKING GROUP

IN HART PARK:

- 1. Renovation of the Peacock (Adobe) House into a Kern River Parkway Interpretative Center.**
- 2. Re-hab old "out building" near the Peacock House into a building for storage.**
- 3. Develop a meeting/events area behind the Peacock House.**
- 4. Build a new outdoor restroom near the Peacock House.**
- 5. Re-purpose the existing concrete platform near the Peacock House into a stage/platform.**
- 6. Develop a San Joaquin Valley Native Plant Garden near the Peacock House.**
- 7. Construct a permanent Peafowl roost area near the Peacock House (note: Peafowl are an important part of Hart Park).**
- 8. Repair and reinforce the riverside multi-use trail in Hart Park (note: erosion will continue if not repaired).**
- 9. Re-construct or replication the old Water Wheel feature (not necessarily in the same location).**
- 10. The re-development of the fishing peninsula. This would include the use of decomposed granite in a path in the middle of the peninsula, new trees/vegetation planting where appropriate (using the Kern River Plan vegetation list), and possibly other amenities such as table and benches. This would eliminate the use of vehicles on this very small peninsula.**
- 11. The development of "The Beach" at the east end of Hart Lake. This would include re-landscaping unused areas (again—using the Kern River Plan vegetation list) and the designation of parking for one of two vendors (no permanent structures). There would be no fishing or swimming in this area (as such no need for lifeguards).**
- 12. Bicycle-related: (a) new signage for bicycle usage in Hart Park, and (b) a new entry path into Hart Park at the west end at the old stone gate.**

Not supportive of these elements of the current Hart Park Master Plan:

Any single-purpose use that will restrict access to any area.

Example: a dog park. Rationale: (a) Hart Park is already used by dog walkers who use the leash law, (b) dog parks are needed closer to urban development where residential housing is nearby, (c) a dog park is not compatible with the rural, open-space nature of Hart Park and (d) a dog park will require fencing off a large area for a single purpose.

Second example: An amphitheater (note: one is currently available in CALM).

SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM T. (BILL) COOPER, KERN RIVER PARKWAY FOUNDATION (August 2, 2019)

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED BY THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP (on August 6, 2019)

Further suggestions (from February 23, 2021 Hart Park Working Group meeting):

- 1. The development of an equestrian assessment management plan.**
- 2. The development of a river bank erosion plan (this relates to the previous suggestion related to the hazardous condition of the existing Multi-Use Trail).**

(Note: this would be part of a protective resource management plan to include riverbank and slope protection—consistent with Kern County Zoning Ordinance-Chapter 19.63, page 392.I.

- 3. The development of a management plan for Hart Park.**





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April 28, 2021

Lee Butterfield
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Dear Mr. Butterfield:

This is a follow-up to previous correspondence you are received regarding State of California Proposition 68 Per Capita funding in Kern County.

State Guidance indicates a preference for Proposition 68 Per Capita funding for parks located in and serving those who are economically disadvantaged (often people of color). Kern County intends to allocate the full amount of Proposition 68 Per Capita funding, \$1.47 million, to one inappropriate project--a "play area with a splash pad" in Hart Park. Hart Park is a regional nature park located several miles from any economically disadvantaged neighborhood. As we note below, the Sierra Club and other local organizations have long advocated that these funds be used to upgrade neighborhood parks in economically disadvantaged areas. We would ask that your Department request that Kern County re-consider its plans for the use of this Per Capita allocation of \$1.47 million.

This allocation is the only non-competitive allocation of Proposition 68 funding available to the County of Kern. Kern County's residents in communities such as Delano, McFarland, Wasco, Shafter, Buttonwillow, Maricopa, Arvin and Lamont as well as unincorporated portions of East, South and Southeast Bakersfield need improved parks.

These are people for whom parks (and especially neighborhood parks) are vitally important for recreational purposes. Many residents of these areas are Kern County's "essential workers" (agricultural, food service and workers in health care) for whom outdoor time (usually with their families) is invaluable.

One of the Vision Goals of the Office of Grants and Local Services is to be "Responsive to the needs of applicants, grantees, nonprofit organizations, legislative members and department employees."

With regard to these Per Capita funds, that would seemingly include members of local commissions such as our Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission (appointed by the members of the Kern County Board of Supervisors), the Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter and the Hart Park Working Group.

A previous Chronology of Proposition 68 Per Capita Funding submitted to your Department documented: (1) attempts by Parks and Recreation Commissioner (now Chair) Ucedrah Osby's in September and November of 2020 to obtain information about the use of these funds and (2) advocacy from the Sierra Club that these funds be used in parks in areas serving those who are economically-disadvantaged (which per State Guidance would eliminate the need for a 20% Kern County matching funds contribution).

On April 21, 2021 Kern County General Services Chief Geoffrey Hill specifically indicated (by e-mail) that Kern County intends to allocate the full amount of these funds to one project--a "play area with a splash pad." That full amount would be \$1.76 million because \$294,000 in Kern County matching funding would be necessary because Hart Park is not located in an economically disadvantaged area.

There are a number of problematic issues raised by this plan:

1. Kern County is now facing a drought. Local leaders have requested Governor Newsom to declare a drought emergency. The last time there was a drought the City of Bakersfield closed water features such as this one being proposed. It doesn't make sense to pursue planning for this project at this time.
2. Unlike many of proposed improvements in Hart Park, a splash pad would only be able to be used seasonally.
3. Public transportation is not available to Hart Park. This is an issue which the Hart Park Working Group has indicated is a major issue of concern. The use of Per Capita funding in neighborhoods serving those who are economically disadvantaged or in parks with easy bus access would make more sense and (again) reach the population targeted by State Guidance.
4. The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission was not given an opportunity to advise the Kern County Board of Supervisors regarding the distribution of these funds. The Commission's role is to act "as an advisor to the Board of Supervisors" and staff "in matters of policy related to parks and recreation" (Kern County Code of Ordinance Title 2 Administration, Chapter 2.5 Parks and Recreation Commission). There was no Commission action item which permitted that advice about Per Capita funding to occur.

As referenced, the Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter in correspondence in 2020 and this year recommended that these funds be distributed throughout the five Supervisorial Districts (reaching the targeted population and avoiding the use of Kern County matching

funds). In discussions last year with State Parks and Recreation Department staff, we were assured that several separate projects could be developed.

The primary issue for the Sierra Club is the fair distribution of Per Capita funding. Economically disadvantaged communities with parks need funding. We repeatedly voiced our concerns last year and earlier this year. There was no organization advocating that Per Capita funding to be used for a “splash pad” during this period of time.

If pro-rated the \$280,000 in Per Capita funding per Supervisorial District would be enough of a parks project in each of those districts serving economically disadvantaged areas. Kern County could also pro-rate the \$294,000 in Kern County general funds (for matching purposes) required for this splash pad in Hart Park among the five districts.

5. The Hart Park Working Group has not been consulted about these funds. The Hart Park Working Group is a committee of the Kern River Parkway Foundation (an aside the Kern River Parkway was formalized by action of the Board of Supervisors in July of 2020). Hart Park is in the Kern River Parkway.

This Working Group includes not only leadership from the Kern River Parkway Foundation, but from the Sierra Club, Audubon of Kern, Panorama Vista Preserve and other interested/concerned individuals. Members of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission are invited to Working Group meetings and often attend. Kern County staff also regularly attend. Periodically staff from Third District Supervisor Mike Maggard’s office have also attended.

The Working Group met 14 times from June 15, 2018 to February 23, 2021—with Kern County staff in attendance at most of these meetings. Notes/reports from those meetings were regularly sent to the Kern County Board of Supervisors and Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission. This Working Group carefully developed a priorities list for Hart Park and was recognized as recently as Sunday, April 18 in a front page article in *The Bakersfield Californian* for its work.

This Working Group is the major on-going community-based collaboration between the County of Kern and the community with regard to Hart Park issues.

During those many meetings there has been on-going consultation regarding the restoration of a Peacock/Adobe House (a former ranger house) as an interpretative center as well as a wide variety of other Hart Park issues. Two examples: major improvements in restrooms and a hazardous condition on the Kern River All-Purpose Trail running through the park. However, Kern County staff did not discuss this splash pad with the Working Group for review and comment. Rather, at an April 8, 2021 meeting there was an announcement that it would be done (without a discussion of funding). No review of plans. No opportunity to request other priorities more suitable for Hart Park. No collaboration with stakeholders. Again, referencing the State’s Vision Statement, the

needs of the community as evidenced by these on-going Hart Park meetings and recommendations about future work in Hart Park were not heard.

Possible staff use of a Hart Park Master Plan (a Power Point presentation) developed before Per Capita funding levels were known or State Guidance issued as a basis for the splash pad would be inconsistent with the selective use (or not) of the Master Plan. Two years ago \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was approved to restore the Peacock/Adobe House after community opposition to it being demolished. The Master Plan called for its demolition. An additional \$500,000 was recently added. Yet, even though \$1,000,000 in funding has been approved and bids are underway for Peacock/Adobe House restoration, the Peacock/Adobe House is not in the Hart Park Master Plan. At the April 8, 2021 meeting Kern County Administrative Officer Ryan Alsop told the Working Group “not to worry about” other major components of the plan (a dog park and amphitheater) which were opposed by the Working Group.

Among issues which the Working Group could have discussed during its 14 meetings about Hart Park issues could have with regarding to this splash pad proposal would have been: (a) its cost and location, (b) the source of water for this proposal, (c) whether the water would be recycled and filtered, and (d) how this proposal ranked when considering the many other proposals for improvements in Hart Park.

6. Hart Park is a regional park. The concept for the original Hart Park Master Plan was to “enhance and improve the natural beauty of the existing park, land, and landscape features.” This proposal which would eliminate some park land (amount unknown because there has not been a process to review the proposal) does the opposite.

7. A closely related concern is whether CEQA Guidelines would apply to such a project. Kern County would need to address the potentially aesthetic impact of this splash pad in Hart Park on the park experience and may require mitigation to reduce such an impact. Before this project is considered further, this and potentially other CEQA issues would need to be addressed.

8. Other funding is available for Hart Park upgrades. Recently Kern County allocated \$615,000 in Kern County General Funds for a Trails Project and (as previously indicated) \$1,000,000 for Hart Park. Also, Kern County is eligible to apply for an upcoming Proposition 68 Proposal Regional Parks Grant for the Peacock/Adobe Interpretative Center (with interpretative centers being one of the major priorities for these funds). This would be in collaboration with the Kern County Parkway Foundation (who will coordinate volunteer staffing for the interpretative center). We have been in contact Kyle Bowlin of your Department. He has provided considerable detailed information with regard to a wide variety of issues regarding these funds.

It is not known if your Department has already received a Kern County Board of Supervisors Resolution regarding the use of these Per Capita funds. If so, we would ask that your Department request that Kern County re-consider its plans for the use of its Per

Capital allocation of \$1.47 million. This request is based upon the issues raised in this letter and previous correspondence regarding this issue. We would also request that legal staff from your Department review the issues raised in this letter.

Neighborhood parks need State of California Per Capita funding—and especially in areas with high percentages of people who are economically disadvantaged (often areas with high percentages of people of color). Without a “fair share” of Per Capita funding those parks will be left out.

We are copying State Senator Melissa Hurtado and Assemblyman Rudy Salas as these are State Proposition 68 funds and their residents will be impacted by this decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eddy Laine, Member, Executive Committee, Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter

cc: California State Senator Melissa Hurtado
California State Assemblyman Rudy Salas
Kern County Board of Supervisors
Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
Kern County Administrative Officer Ryan Alsop
The Bakersfield Californian



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Sent via Email Only

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Re: Proposition 68, Per Capita Program, County of Kern's Allocation

Dear Eddy Laine:

The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) provides this letter in follow-up to your April 28, 2021 letter to OGALS Manager Lee Butterfield. OGALS understands that you are concerned about the project selected by the County of Kern (County) for funding under the Per Capita program. As of this date, OGALS has not received a Per Capita application from the County. Thus, OGALS has not had an opportunity to review the County's application package to determine if the project is eligible under the program.

OGALS' responsibility is to ensure that projects submitted under the program meet the associated legislative requirements. However, the program is non-competitive, which means that applicants and applications do not compete against each other to receive grant awards. The Per Capita program allows local agencies to select priority projects for their own jurisdictions. The program also provides an incentive for agencies to spend their Per Capita funding in severely disadvantaged communities whereby match is not required. Projects not serving severely disadvantaged communities require a 20 percent match. Each agency recipient is responsible for making its own determination as to which park and/or recreation project(s) it deems as its highest priority for Per Capita funding.

OGALS respects the integrity of the local agency selection process, which is occurring throughout California with other Per Capita recipient agencies. OGALS suggests that you contact the appropriate County representatives in your area to explain your concerns and discuss further. If you have additional questions about the Per Capita program, please visit OGALS Per Capita website at www.parks.ca.gov/percapita

Sincerely,

Jean Lacher, Chief

Office of Grants and Local Services

cc: The Honorable Melissa Hurtado, California State Senate
The Honorable Rudy Salas, California State Assembly
Marivel Barajas, Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Sedrick Mitchell, Deputy Director, Community Engagement Division
Department of Parks and Recreation
Lee Butterfield, Manager, Office of Grants and Local Services

May 11, 2021

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
Kern County General Services
Kern County Administrative Building
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA. 93301**

Dear Members of the Commission:

As reviewed at the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission, this is a request that the enclosed list of Hart Park Priorities be added to the Hart Park Master Plan.

These Hart Park Priorities were developed during several meetings of the Hart Park Working Group, which is a committee of the Kern River Parkway Foundation. The Working Group also includes representation from the Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter, Audubon of Kern and interested individuals from the community as well as the Parkway Foundation itself. I serve as Secretary of the Working Group.

Please let me know if you have questions regarding these priorities. My phone number is (661) 345-4736 and my e-mail is eddylaine@aol.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddy Laine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eddy Laine

PRIORITIES OF THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP

Note: these were reviewed for the Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission at the Commission's April 21, 2021 meeting. The request is that they be added to the Hart Park Master Plan.

Priorities:

- 1. Restoration of the Adobe/Peacock/Ranger House for use as an Interpretative Center (funding already secured and work on restoration beginning soon).**
- 2. Designating the existing storage building near the Interpretative Center for use by the Interpretative Center.**
- 3. Developing a meeting area behind the Interpretative Center.**
- 4. Re-purposing/rehabilitating the existing concrete platform near the Interpretative Center into a stage/platform (with covering for shade) for educational purposes.**
- 5. Developing a San Joaquin Valley Native Plant Garden near the Interpretative Center.**
- 6. Constructing a Peacock roost near the Interpretative Center.**
- 7. Repair and reinforcing the Multi-use Trail in Hart Park near the Interpretative Center (as a portion of the trail is now a safety hazard).**
- 8. Replicating the WPA Water Wheel somewhere in the park.**
- 9. Re-developing the fishing peninsula.**
- 10. The development of the beach at the east end of Hart Lake.**
- 11. Bike path-related improvements (the Class 2 bike lane into the east end of Hart Park needs to be widened along with entry point signage improvements).**
- 12. The development of an equestrian trail management plan.**
- 13. The development of a bank erosion plan.**
- 14. The development of a management plan for Hart Park.**
- 15. The development of a property management plan to address the degradation of the hills above the Sheriff's shooting range leading to the Bakersfield Cactus Reserve.**
- 16. Upgrading the canal area near the Interpretative Center (which has historical significance as a source of water for Hart Lake) in a way that protects nearby riparian habitat and addresses the seemingly permanent stagnant water and trash issues.**

May 11, 2021



Kern County
Parks and Recreation Commission

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Kern County
Parks and Recreation Commission

New/Unfinished/
Other Business



MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Kimberly Fleming
Special Projects Manager

Date: April 21, 2021

Subject: Off Highway Vehicle Funding Requests – Commission to receive input and make recommendation

The 2020-2021 Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) funding request cycle opened on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Interested agencies had until Friday, April 9, 2021 to mail in or hand deliver their completed proposals. This year's cycle includes funds available from the 2019-2020, as no grants were awarded last year due to COVID 19.

In keeping with County policy, 60% of all funds collected will remain in the OHV fund, designated for the construction of an OHV park. The remaining 40% may be awarded to interested nonprofit or public agencies in the form of grants. The breakdown is as follows:

FY	FUNDS COLLECTED	OHV PARK (60%)	OHV GRANTS (40%)
2019-2020	\$126,742.11	\$76,045.26	\$50,696.85
2020-2021	\$125,088.30	\$75,052.98	\$50,035.00
TOTAL	\$251,830.41	\$151,098.24	\$100,732.17

Deducted from the \$100,732.17 in available funds is the cost for advertising as well as a ten percent administrative fee that will be retained by the Parks and Recreation Division. That leaves approximately \$85,479 available for disbursement.

This year we received three (3) completed proposals, from the following agencies:

1. Kern County Sheriff's Office - \$64,700 – Equipment maintenance and Law Enforcement (Off-Road Vehicle Enforcement Team).
2. Stewards of the Sequoia - \$80,000 – Maintenance of Keysville Trail and Signage.
3. Kern County Parks & Recreation Division - \$85,000 – Equipment to increase ranger patrols within Hart Park & Lake Ming and training.

The Evaluation Criteria for proposals states that the proposals must meet the use criteria stipulated in Section 38240 and Section 38240.1 of the California Vehicle Code, which outline the allocation and use of vehicle license fees. Subsection B of Section 38240 deals with the use of fees as follows:

The funds collected under Section 38230 shall be used for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) Planning, acquiring, developing, constructing, maintaining, administering, operating, or conserving trails, areas, or other facilities for the use of off-highway motor vehicles.
- (2) Controlling the operation of motor vehicles in areas off the highways where the operation of motor vehicles is restricted or prohibited.
- (3) Otherwise carrying out the provisions of this division.

All applications submitted meet the grant criteria, as the funds would be used to help support staff time and equipment for trail maintenance or to patrol areas used by off highway motor vehicles. As mentioned above, only \$85,479 is available for the three projects totaling \$230,000 in requests. Your Commission is to receive public input and make recommendation on funding, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval at its meeting of Tuesday, May 18, 2021 or a subsequent meeting in May if necessary.

Thank you.

Kimberly Fleming
Special Projects Manager

Attachments

2021
KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE
LICENSE FUND PROPOSAL

1. Submittal date

April 9, 2021

2. Name and address of applicant:

Kern County Sheriff's Office
1350 Norris Road
Bakersfield, CA 93308

3. Title of project

Kern County Sheriff's Office Off-Highway Vehicle Project

4. Amount of funding requested

The Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Off-Road Vehicle Enforcement Team (ORVET) is requesting grant funding in the amount of \$64,700 from the Parks and Recreation Commission to increase targeted patrols, purchase specialized equipment, and help supplement equipment maintenance cost that is vital to the continued success of the KCSO Off-Highway Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Program.

Grant funds will be used to add 400 hours of increased patrols by the KCSO ORVET specifically for enforcement activities that will cost \$25,216. The additional patrols will enhance and expand law enforcement presence in the identified high priority areas to protect natural resources and prevent and/or minimize illegal Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) activity.

KCSO is requesting grant funds (\$15,268) for the purchase and installation of metal carports w/3 sides enclosed (left, right, front) Dimensions: Width: 30': Height:12' and Width 18' Length:36' Height:12'. These items are necessary to protect previously purchased equipment trailers. Previous other structures used to protect the trailers were damaged during a recent windstorm. The carports, when properly installed, will protect the trailers from UV damage and are rated to sustain wind speeds common in Ridgecrest.

KCSO is also requesting grant funds (\$10,516) to help supplement the cost of maintaining the specialized equipment that is utilized during deployments. New regulations within the California State Parks OHMVR Division program do not allow the applicants to use their grant funds towards maintenance as in previous years. This maintenance is crucial to the safety and longevity of the equipment being utilized by the KCSO ORVET. This maintenance would include, but is not limited to; oil changes, filter replacements, tire replacement and repairs, replacement of broken or damaged parts and specialty tools/equipment for the maintenance of the vehicles.

Grant funds will be used to add 15 hours of the Sheriff's Office helicopter flight time. The total cost of the helicopter includes all operating costs, which include fuel, maintenance, and

personnel that will cost approximately \$13,700. The additional helicopter flight time will assist ground units in apprehending illegal OHV violators.

Continued grant funding will provide essential resources enabling KCSO to maintain and increase the current level of service provided by the ORVET. These grant funds allow us to safely and effectively provide law enforcement services to OHV enthusiasts, local residents, and provide for protection of sensitive wilderness areas and private property.

5. Name, title, address, and phone number of project coordinator(s):

Casey Brunsell, Sergeant
Kern County Sheriff's Office 1350 Norris Road
Bakersfield, CA 93308
760-384-5858

6. Objective of project

The objective of the KCSO ORVET is to expand and enhance current safety and enforcement efforts to achieve a balance between available OHV opportunities and the protection of life, property, and natural resources.

KCSO is requesting funds to increase the frequency of targeted patrols. KCSO response area covers a total land area of approximately 8,073 square miles (5,166,720 acres), including large OHV areas in both desert and mountainous terrain. Approved OHV riding areas, offer many opportunities for OHV enthusiasts to use 4x4 vehicles, ATVs, motorcycles, ROVs, and dune buggies. These areas include Dove Springs/Jawbone Canyon/El Paso Mountains (225,000 acres), Taft/Temblors (544,000 acres), Tehachapi/Rosamond/Mojave Desert (1,434,240 acres), Rand Mountains (60,000 acres), and Kern Valley/Keyville (514,560 acres).

7. Complete project description

KCSO ORVET provides law enforcement services in OHV use areas throughout Kern County. The primary mission of the KCSO ORVET is to provide professional law enforcement services to the residents and visitors of these areas, while continuing to enforce California laws and regulations related to OHV use.

Funding will allow KCSO ORVET to continue to implement a quality safety, education, and enforcement program that emphasizes the importance of sustaining our current OHV opportunities in order to continue to enjoy them for years to come.

On popular OHV weekends, KCSO ORVET will stage a Mobile Command Post in the Dove Springs Open Riding Area. The Command Post operates similarly to a Sheriff's Substation and is a unified effort among KCSO, Kern County Fire Department, Desert Group Search and Rescue, California State Parks Police and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) personnel. This unified Command Post enhances law enforcement coordination and reduces duplication of efforts.

The Command Post will continue to serve as a central location to offer safety and educational materials, provide first aid, and coordinate all search and rescue missions for lost and/or injured riders. The Command Post continues to be a huge success and is well received by OHV enthusiasts who appreciate a centralized location for information and/or help in emergency situations.

Project enforcement will be accomplished by law enforcement patrols in areas that are both on and off paved roadways to decrease illegal riding activity, including trespass, off-trail riding, OHV equipment violations, and reckless and/or negligent OHV operation. In order to accomplish our mission, the ORVET patrol requires various forms of transportation, such as 4x4 vehicles, utility all-terrain vehicles, ROVs and motorcycles. During patrol deployments, deputies will continue to contact OHV operators and camp sites to ensure riders are adhering to OHV laws, regulations and safety requirements.

KCSO will continue to attend community events such as, Randsburg Old West Days, Big 6 Grand Prix in Taft, Ridgecrest Safety Fair, and the Friends of Jawbone "OHV Safety Awareness Day" and "Moose Anderson Day." KCSO ORVET members will provide much needed OHV literature for education, safety, and environmental responsibility to both the OHV and non-OHV communities.

Additionally, KCSO ORVET will continue to attend the Kern County Parks Commission meetings and the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) commission meetings.

8. Project development schedule

KCSO ORVET project will use grant funds to provide specialized patrols in high impact OHV areas and purchase specialized equipment. The execution of this project will be from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. During this period, grant funding will allow KCSO ORVET to provide additional enforcement resources in the specific targeted areas during holiday weekends when demand is greatest, while increasing our law enforcement presence throughout popular OHV months. KCSO ORVET utilizes various patrol methods using utility all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, ROVs, 4x4 vehicles, and air support during popular multi-day holiday weekends \$561,498.

9. Other funding sources explored for funding on this project

KCSO applied for \$561,498 in grant funding from the California State Parks – OHMVR Division. At the time of our project request, this grant has not yet been awarded. In years past we have received approximately twenty eight percent of our requested amount to pay for salaries and equipment for KCSO ORVET.

10. Description of how the project can be phased for funding purposes

The project will begin immediately after grant funds are awarded and go through June 30, 2022. This phase will consist of using requested funds to increase the KCSO ORVET staffing levels

for patrols in targeted areas throughout the year and during holiday weekends when OHV activity in Kern County is at its peak. The additional funds for installation of structures and maintenance will also be utilized throughout the year to protect and maintain the KCSO ORVET vehicles.

11. Justification for project, including explanation of public benefit, (expected frequency of use, number of users, type of users, etc.) discussion of alternatives for accomplishing project objectives

Kern County offers many OHV riding areas which can accommodate a wide variety of rider skill levels. As a result, off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation is a popular activity in Kern County, attracting a substantial number of OHV enthusiasts. In fact, according to the 2018 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) statistics, Kern County OHV recreation areas had approximately 970,360 visitors, which is more than the entire population of Kern County (874,589).

This influx of visitors resulted in numerous OHV encampments being formed in remote unpopulated desert areas. Many of these encampments are similar to a small community. The large amount of visitors seeking off-highway activity dramatically increases the need for law enforcement services to protect public safety and safeguard the natural resources for everyone to enjoy.

KCSO ORVET Mobile Command Post will be deployed during popular OHV weekends, which benefits both the OHV and non-OHV communities by offering a centralized location for the public to obtain law enforcement services.

The Mobile Command Post will also provide several educational program benefits using field training and community contact. Through conversation and educational materials such as maps, brochures, and pamphlets, trained KCSO ORVET staff will provide information on safety, environmental responsibility, and respect for private property. This will promote the safe and lawful use of OHV vehicles, and increase adherence to OHV rules and regulations.

KCSO ORVET has been able to purchase equipment, supplement safety enforcement patrols and educational outreach during busy holiday weekends with previous OHV grants. Although numerous authorized riding areas are available for use by OHV enthusiasts, unfortunately, some riders operate their Off-Highway Vehicles illegally on private property, wilderness areas, and closed trails.

KCSO ORVET must have the resources to maximize route designation compliance, decrease illegal riding activity including trespass, off-trail riding, OHV equipment violations, reckless and/or negligent OHV operation.

Additional patrols will help to sustain existing OHV recreational areas in Kern County. KCSO ORVET must have the resources to maximize route designation compliance, decrease illegal riding activity including, trespass, off-trail riding, OHV equipment violations, reckless and/or negligent OHV operation.

KCSO ORVET will also utilize volunteers such as Reserve Deputies, Cadets, Citizen Service Units and Search and Rescue members to supplement OHV deployments. KCSO is currently in the application process for grant funding from California State Parks – OHMVR Division as an alternative funding source for this project. Without the requested funding, KCSO ORVET will not be able to complete the proposed project and/or maintain its current level of enhanced OHV services.

12. Long-range plans of the project

KCSO will continue to take a lead role in OHV safety, education, and enforcement efforts. KCSO believes that without these efforts from the ORVET, the loss of OHV opportunity and environmental damage would be imminent.

KCSO's long range plans for this project are to continue to provide law enforcement services needed to ensure the safety and security of the residents and visitors enjoying our OHV areas. KCSO will also continue to protect Kern County's natural resources from illegal OHV activity in order for people to enjoy it for many years to come.

13. Description of land status, ownership, legal description, vicinity and site maps

KCSO is responsible for providing law enforcement services to the unincorporated areas of the County. Kern County is located at the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley, and is the third largest County in California. Kern County is largely rural and undeveloped, featuring a varied topography with natural OHV attractions ranging from dry deserts to forested mountains with a total area over 8,000 square miles. About one-third of the County is situated on the flat floor of the San Joaquin Valley. Temblor Mountain Range lies to the west of the Valley and occupies the County's western border.

The Tehachapi Mountains lie to the southeast of the Valley with a wide belt of Sierra-Nevada foothills and ranges extending north to cover almost a third of the County's area. East of this mountain belt is the Mojave Desert which makes up the remaining third of the County.

KCSO response area covers a total land area of approximately 8,073 square miles (5,166,720 acres), including large OHV areas in both desert and mountainous terrain. Approved OHV riding areas, offer many opportunities for OHV enthusiasts to use 4x4 vehicles, ATVs, motorcycles, ROVs, and dune buggies. These areas include Dove Springs/Jawbone Canyon/El Paso Mountains (225,000 acres), Taft/Temblors (544,000 acres), Tehachapi/Rosamond/Mojave Desert (1,434,240 acres), Rand Mountains (60,000 acres), and Kern Valley/Keyville (514,560 acres).

These OHV areas are within the primary response area of the KCSO and have specific needs to achieve effective law enforcement functions. Many of these popular OHV areas are small communities that are greatly impacted by the influx of visitors during peak OHV seasons. Grant funds will provide needed resources better enabling the KCSO to safely and effectively provide law enforcement services to OHV enthusiasts, local residents, and provide for protection of sensitive wilderness areas and private property.

14. The history of condition and status of resource and expected benefits

Since its inception, the KCSO ORVET has become the lead agency for law enforcement operations in the off-highway vehicle recreation areas of Kern County. The majority of these operations are conducted in Eastern Kern County, in the areas of Jawbone Canyon, Dove Springs, El Paso Mountain Range, Randsburg/Johannesburg, Sequoia National Forest, and the campgrounds surrounding Lake Isabella.

In recent years, Kern County has experienced a significant increase in the number of OHV visitors. Some visitors and newer OHV enthusiasts may not be fully educated on the safe operation of OHV vehicles or the importance of environmental responsibility. Additionally, areas of critical concern within Kern County include deserts, national forests, wilderness areas, and privately owned lands. The diverse wildlife and sensitive plants found in these areas are a concern of the ORVET in order to properly protect the cultural resources and sensitive environmental habitats found in Kern County.

Some popular recreation areas can pose great risks to under informed riders who get lost on unfamiliar or closed trails, unknowingly encounter open and abandoned mine shafts, or happen upon steep terrain beyond their abilities.

To sustain existing OHV recreational areas in Kern County, the KCSO must have the resources to maximize route designation compliance, decrease illegal riding activity including, trespass, off-trail riding, OHV equipment violations, reckless and/or negligent OHV operation.

The expected benefits of this project are:

1. Enhance the current safety and enforcement efforts to achieve a balance between available OHV opportunities and the protection of life, property, and natural resources.
2. Allow KCSO to have shorter response times to OHV incidents such as lost or injured riders where time is critical to the survival of the involved individual.
3. It will also create a more educated community that will understand the importance of sustaining and enhancing OHV opportunities through responsible and safe riding practices.

15. Copies of design plans, as well as any information you feel is necessary for the complete review of this project

KCSO ORVET, established in 2001, is currently managed from the Ridgecrest/Inyokern Substation. KCSO ORVET is a specialized unit focusing on the enforcement and education of off-highway vehicle activities in Kern County. Members of KCSO ORVET attend a minimum of a sixteen-hour P.O.S.T. certified ATV course to ensure members fully understand riding practices and techniques needed to safely operate an ATV. KCSO ORVET is a collateral assignment comprised of approximately 90 trained deputies drawn from various work locations within the KCSO. The team is supervised by the Ridgecrest Substation Sergeant.

STEWARDS OF THE SEQUOIA

Non Profit 501c3

PO Box 1246

Wofford Heights, CA 93285

April 8, 2021

Kern County General Services
1115 Truxtun Ave., 3rd Fl – General Services
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Kern County Staff,

We ask that you consider our enclosed OHV grant application for your 2021 OHV grant cycle.

Enclosed please find-

- Eight copies of our Keysville Trail Maintenance and Signage OHV grant application form
- BLM letter of support for our grant project
- Keysville Recreation Management Area Map

Stewards of the Sequoia are a registered 501c3 under EIN 83-0702363.

Sincerely,



Chris Horgan
Executive Director - Stewards of the Sequoia
501c3 non profit
chris@stewardsofthesequoia.org

"Since being founded in 2004, Stewards of the Sequoia continues to be the largest on-the-ground organization of volunteers in the Sequoia National Forest. Our crews have maintained over 4,000 miles of trails and have planted hundreds of trees in reforestation projects. We represent in excess of 3000 members whose activities include motorized recreation, camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, boating, windsurfing, rock climbing and horse riding"

Promoting Responsible Recreation & Environmental Stewardship

KERN COUNTY OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE LICENSE FUND

PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

REQUIRED PROJECT INFORMATION

Answer every question on this application form in the order that it is presented. Type or print the associated question with each answer in your submittal. Attach any additional information that you feel is relevant to the project. Provide eight (8) copies with your submittal package. Package is due in Parks and Recreation Office, 1115 Truxtun Ave., 3rd Floor – General Services, Bakersfield, CA 93301, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2021.

1. Submittal date

4/8/2021

2. Name and address of applicant

Stewards of the Sequoia

PO Box 1246

Wofford Heights CA 93285

3. Title of project

Keysville Trail Maintenance and Signage

4. Amount of funding requested

\$80,000

5. Name, title, address, and phone number of project coordinator(s)

Chris Horgan, Executive Director 760 223-2366

6. Objective of project

Performing trail maintenance and installing trail signs

7. Complete project description

The Keysville BLM lands located on the Kern River near Lake Isabella are the most heavily visited lands within the over one million acre BLM Bakersfield land area. Keysville OHV trail maintenance burden is far in excess of the BLM's already limited trail maintenance capacity.

This project will fund Stewards of the Sequoia to perform much needed trail maintenance including trail tread repair, water bars to reduce erosion, eliminating route proliferation, brushing, clearing of downed trees. Funding will be used for project leaders, trail crew, supplies, fuel, vehicle expense, administration, insurance and project management, as well as the purchase and installation of one hundred trail signs as directed by the BLM within Keysville and the surrounding BLM lands.

This project also has an education component that helps makes trails more sustainable. Trail volunteers will learn about why it is important to stay on the trails and the importance of trail maintenance and how to properly maintain trails.

The BLM enthusiastically supports this project per their attached letter of support.

8. Project development schedule

The ground needs to be moist in order to install signage and perform trail tread maintenance such as water bars. Work will most likely be done in the fall of 2021.

9. Other funding sources explored for funding on this project

No other funding sources are available for this project. Volunteers will be used when possible to augment staff. Volunteers will be local as well as coming from as far as Los Angeles.

10. Description of how the project can be phased for funding purposes

This trail system maintenance project is a continuation of work done under the Kern County 2014 OHV Keysville Trail Building Project grant. This new project will perform much needed trail maintenance to improve trail system conditions to make these motorized trails more enjoyable for the public and to reduce environmental impacts.

If the project is not fully funded the trails that cannot be maintained or signed will further degrade to the detriment of recreation and the environment and the economy.

The maintenance and signage of these motorized routes will enhance OHV recreation and would be a higher priority use of the OHV funds compared to funding enforcement grants which can only be used for "Controlling the operation of motor vehicles in areas off the highways where the operation of motor vehicles is restricted or prohibited".

Enforcement agencies have existing funding to patrol in Kern County including areas where OHV use is restricted or prohibited, whereas there is no base BLM trail maintenance funding to maintain sustainable off highway recreation opportunity.

11. Justification for project, including explanation of public benefit, (expected frequency of use, number of users, type of users, etc.) discussion of alternatives for accomplishing project objectives

These motorized routes are extremely popular and have the heaviest visitation of all BLM Bakersfield lands. Keeping these motorized trails in good condition is important for tourists and the community. The continued use of these motorized trails brings considerable business to the local economy in the form of hotels, dining, food, gas and supply purchases.

12. Long-range plans of the project

The maintenance and signage of these motorized trails this year would improve the condition of the trails and reduce environmental impacts for the next several years

13. Description of land status, ownership, legal description, vicinity and site maps

The motorized trails which will be maintained and signed in this project are located within the BLM Keysville lands and other nearby BLM lands.

14. The history of condition and status of resource and expected benefits

In 2012 the Bakersfield BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) designated the motorized routes in Keysville and other nearby BLM lands.

The 2014 Kern County OHV grant funded the building of new trails per that 2012 BLM RMP in the BLM Keysville Management area. However the existing trail system within this area have received very little if any maintenance or signage.

This grant would be a continuation of the 2014 Kern County OHV trail building grant, now providing maintenance of the designated motorized trail system in this area.

15. Copies of design plans, as well as any information you feel is necessary for the complete review of this project

See attached BLM Keysville Recreation Area Map and letter of support from BLM



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Bakersfield Field Office
35126 McMurtrey Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93308
www.blm.gov/office/bakersfield-field-office

April 5, 2021

Kern County Parks and Recreation Department
2820 "M" Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Kern County Parks and Recreation Department,

The BLM Bakersfield Field Office has worked with the Stewards of the Sequoia for several years to maintain and improve various trails in the region surrounding Lake Isabella in Kern County, California. The Stewards plan to submit a proposal for funding under the Kern County OHV grants program for a project to perform maintenance and signage for the Keysville trails in 2021/2022.

The BLM Bakersfield Field Office wishes to express its support for the project and grant proposal. Keysville Recreation Area trails continue to be very popular, and the OHV trail maintenance burden is far in excess of the agency's already limited trail maintenance capacity.

The signage and trail maintenance work performed by volunteers with the Stewards of the Sequoia helps to ensure that trails remain open and clear for recreation uses of all kinds, helps limit problems with soil erosion along routes, and helps to reduce trail proliferation caused by OHV users traveling off route to avoid difficult sections of unmaintained trails or unauthorized trails.

All maintenance work performed on BLM trails by the Stewards will be done in close coordination with the BLM under the terms of their volunteer agreement and will be subject to NEPA and NHPA review as necessary. The BLM enthusiastically supports the Stewards in their grant application to this year's Kern County OHV grants program.

Please do not hesitate to contact BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner Brie Chartier (bchartie@blm.gov 661-391-6089) for further information.

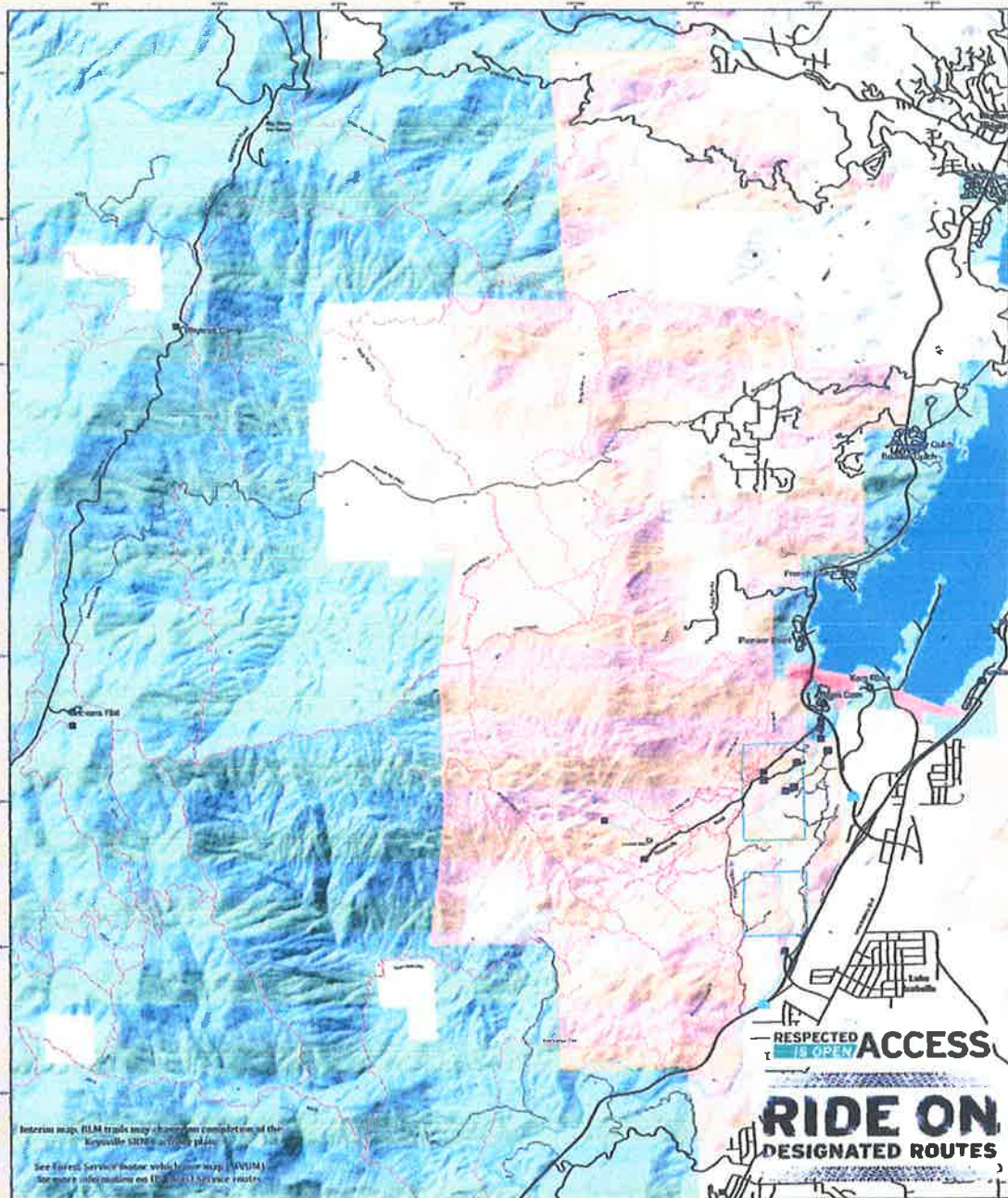
Sincerely,

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Gabriel Garcia
Field Manager

KEYSVILLE SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA



- Singletrack Trail
- 4x4 Trail, All Trail Vehicles
- 4x4 Road
- 4x4 Road, Authorized Vehicles Only
- 4x4 Road, Street Legal Vehicles Only
- Dirt road
- Dirt Road, Street Legal Vehicles Only
- Paved Road, Street Legal Vehicles Only
- Other

- Campground
- Kiosk
- OHV Staging Area
- Raft Launch
- Ranger Station
- Vault Toilet

- Recreational Mining Area
- BLM Keyville Rec. Management Area

- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- Army Corps
- Local Government
- Private

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KERN COUNTY OFF HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FUND**PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA****Advertisement**

Advertisement of the availability and amount of funding under the County's Off Highway Project program will be published annually in adjudicated newspapers in Kern County. Advertisements will appear for a period of no less than one week each calendar year notifying the public of the proposal deadline, amount of money available, and a contact name and number within General Services for requesting proposal application packets. Advertisement costs will be paid from the Off Highway Motor Vehicle License Fund.

Application Packet

General Services shall provide proposal application packets to all requesting entities. The application packets will include the following documents:

1. Proposal Application Form
2. Proposal Evaluation Procedure and Criteria
3. Sample Grant Disbursement Agreement

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals submitted must meet the use criteria stipulated in Section 38240 of the California Vehicle Code, which reads as follows:

§ 38240. Allocation and use of fees

- (a) The Controller shall allocate the fees collected under Section 38230 in July and January of each fiscal year in the same manner as fees are allocated under subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 11005 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (b) The funds collected under Section 38230 shall be used for any one or more of the following purposes:
 - (1) Planning, acquiring, developing, constructing, maintaining, administering, operating, or conserving trails, areas, or other facilities for the use of off-highway motor vehicles.
 - (2) Controlling the operation of motor vehicles in areas off the highways where the operation of motor vehicles is restricted or prohibited.
 - (3) Otherwise carrying out the provisions of this division.
- (c) Funds received by a city or county pursuant to this section may be expended for facilities located outside the limits of the city or county if both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The funds are expended for the purposes of acquiring, developing, and constructing trails, areas, or other facilities for the use of off-highway motor vehicles.
- (2) The funds are expended pursuant to agreement with the city in which the facility is located, or with the county in which the facility is located if the facility is located in an unincorporated territory.

Further, applications must meet the following additional County criteria:

1. Funding will only be considered for proposals submitted by public agencies or non-profit corporations. Non-profit entities must provide proof of their non-profit status.
2. Entities requesting funding must meet all of the terms of the Grant Disbursement Agreement. The form of the Agreement is attached. The insurance requirements in the Agreement shall be established by the Kern County Risk Management Division as determined to be appropriate for each project proposal.

Application Submittal and Evaluation Procedure

1. Completed application packets must be clearly marked "Off Highway Vehicle License Fund Application Packet" and returned to the following address by the established deadline:

Kern County General Services
1115 Truxtun Ave., 3rd Fl – General Services
Bakersfield, CA 93301
2. Applications will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission for evaluation. The applications will be placed on the Commission's agenda for public hearing within six weeks after submission deadline.
3. A copy of all applications received by the Commission will be forwarded to:
 1. Kern County Risk Management Division of County Counsel
 2. Winter Recreation Program Coordinator
State Department of Parks and Recreation – OHMVR
P. O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
(916) 323-0954
(916) 324-1610 fax
4. Applications recommended by the Commission will be referred to General Services and forwarded to County Counsel for Grant Disbursement Agreement finalization.
5. County Counsel will return the finalized Grant Disbursement Agreements to General Services. The Department will obtain the necessary signature(s) from the applicants.
6. General Services will recommend to the Kern County Board of Supervisors the approval of applications and the execution of the Grant Disbursement Agreements. Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, funding will be disbursed in accordance with the Grant Disbursement Agreement.

KERN COUNTY OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE LICENSE FUND

PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

REQUIRED PROJECT INFORMATION

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1. Submittal date

4/8/2021

2. Name and address of applicant

Shane Denton

1115 Truxtun Avenue Third Floor

Bakersfield, CA. 93301

3. Title of project

Procurement of off-road vehicles for Ranger Patrol

4. Amount of funding requested

\$85,000.00 See attached break down of requested items.

5. Name, title, address, and phone number of project coordinator(s)

Chief Ranger, Shane Denton

1115 Truxtun Avenue Third Floor

Bakersfield, CA. 93301

661-868-7016

6. Objective of project

Purchase four off road vehicles (OHV), two OHV trailers, and needed training and equipment to enhance Ranger patrols within Hart Park and Lake Ming. This will enable Rangers to enter areas that our present patrol vehicles can't or risk damage to those vehicles if they do.

7. Complete project description

(4) Yamaha Kodiak 700 EPS Quads are robust, nimble and reliable all terrain off road vehicles for patrolling and protecting people and properties, no matter where they may be. See attached information on Yamaha quads.

(2) 2 place ATV trailers

Safety Equipment for 4 officers. (Helmets, gloves, goggles)

Emergency equipment for (4) quads (lights, sirens, decals)

General Maintenance Supplies / Fuel.

(4) Motorola APX 6000 two-way radios

Cargo boxes and racks for (4) quads

Training

Trail Signs/ Fencing for the nature reserve.

8. Project development schedule

I would like to have the items purchased and operational by the Fall of 2021.

9. Other funding sources explored for funding on this project

Kern County General Fund.

10. Description of how the project can be phased for funding purposes

This would be a one-time purchase of each item from their perspective dealers.

11. Justification for project, including explanation of public benefit, (expected frequency of use, number of users, type of users, etc.) discussion of alternatives for accomplishing project objectives

This would benefit the community by expanding our ability to patrol the hard to reach secluded mountain areas for illegal activity in our county parks. The primary point of concern is the Hart Park, Lake Ming, and surrounding areas. This would give patrol officers the ability to help protect the environment and landscape or potential damage caused by illegal activity. The expected frequency of use would be weekly in most weather conditions. All Kern County Rangers on patrol would receive training and utilize the OHV's.

12. Long-range plans of the project

To augment our patrol capabilities and continue the quest of making Kern County Parks the safest parks in California.

The reduction of illegal activity in secluded off road areas of our County Parks and provide quicker response times to river rescues or medical calls in those areas.

To be more available to the public and be in off road areas when needed.

13. Description of land status, ownership, legal description, vicinity and site maps

Not applicable to this project.

14. The history of condition and status of resource and expected benefits

This will be a new addition to the Ranger Fleet of vehicles.

Higher Law Enforcement Visibility in the parks, ability to patrol remote areas with an appropriate off-road vehicle, reduction of crime and vandalism and prevention of homeless encampments within Kern County Parks are the expected benefits.

Our fleet of patrol vehicles are aging. The cost of a fully equipped Ranger Patrol Vehicle is over \$100,000 and is not equipped for off road use.

The basic Yamaha Kodiak EPS 700 quads fully equipped would have an estimated cost of only \$18,750. The cost to fuel and maintenance would be reduced as well.

These vehicles would be used year-round in most types of weather.

15. Copies of design plans, as well as any information you feel is necessary for the complete review of this project

Kern County Rangers enforce OHV laws and write citations for OHV violations in Hart Park and Lake Ming. For years we have contributed to the OHV fund via these citations. While we have contributed, we have never received assistance from this fund.

The Yamaha Kodiak off-road vehicles are a real need for the Rangers and it will have a positive impact on all who visit the Hart Park and Lake Ming area.

Equipment List for OHV Grant

4ea Yamaha Kodiak 700 EPS Quads \$9700.00	\$38,800.00
2ea 2 place ATV trailers \$3400.00	\$6,800.00
Safety equipment for 4 officers (Helmets, gloves, goggles)	\$1,500.00
Emergency equipment for 4 quads (lights, sirens)	\$2,900.00
Maintenance Supplies / Fuel	\$4,000.00
4ea Motorola APX 6000 two-way radios	\$16,000.00
Cargo boxes / racks for 4 quads	\$1,000.00
Training	\$2,500.00
Trail signage /OHV Perimeter fencing	\$11,500.00
Total	\$85,000.00

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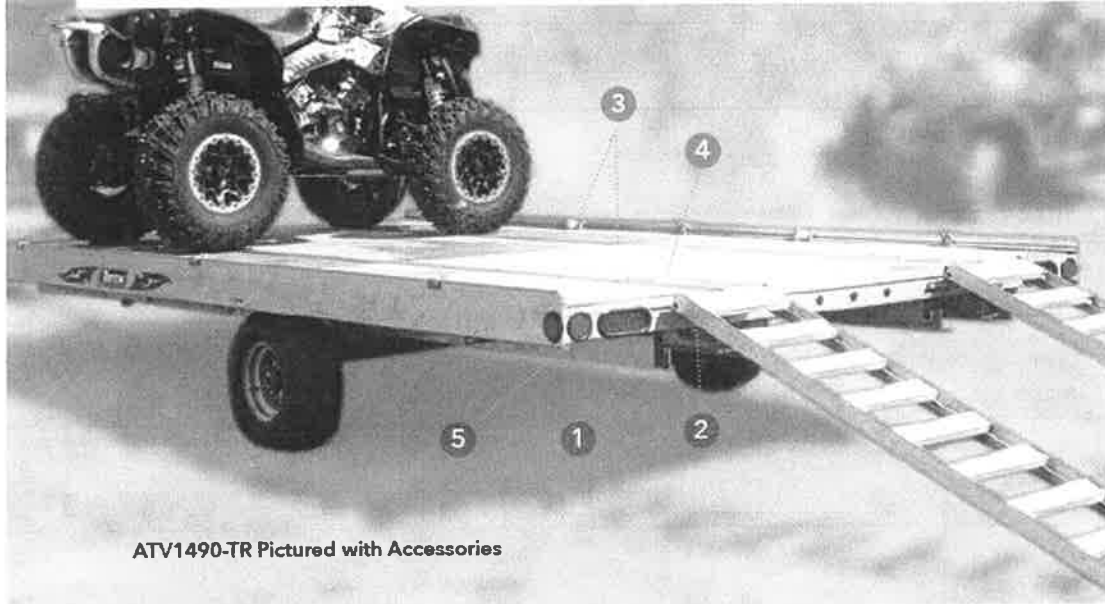


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ATV128-2-TR Pictured with Accessories

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6 TORSION AXLE(S)

Independent suspension with four cord rubber torsion axle provides a smooth ride.

7 TONGUE JACK

1000# (ATV & ATV-TR) and 1500# (ATV-90-TR) swivel wheel tongue jacks with 10" up/down travel help easily move your trailer into position (Tongue jack is not standard for ATV88, ATV88-TR.)

ATV SERIES ACCESSORIES



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ATV-TR

08544

ATV-90-TR

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Stake Pocket Kit (8)

ATV

08535

ATV-TR

08535

ATV-90-TR

08535



Stone Guard (rail kit required)

11055

11055

19455



Wheel Stop Kit

N/A

N/A

19465



Side Saddle Kit

12910

N/A

N/A



Single ATV-90-TR Ramp

N/A

N/A

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Model 2.5

Top Display Plus: Full Bitmap Color LCD Display, 4 Lines of Text X 14 Characters, 2 Lines of Icons, 1 Menu Line X 3 Menus, White Backlight, Backlight
Keypad: 3 Soft Keys, 4 Direction Navigation Key, Home and Data Buttons.

H98UCF9PW6AN 700/800 MHz (763-870 MHz), 1-2.5 Watts, 1,000 Channels

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