COMMUNITY MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

Proposed Littlerock OHV Park

(A Recreation, Training and Environmental Education Park)

Summary

This report provides a summary of comments received prior to, during, and after a public meeting November 20, 2013, at Jackie Robinson Park regarding a proposed OHV Park in Littlerock. Comments received through December 19, 2013, are reflected in this summary. Comments were received from individuals (via email, letters, and comment cards), through comment stations at a community meeting at Jackie Robinson Park on the evening of November 20, 2013, and through Safety, Enforcement & Fire Prevention Task Force review of Some individuals submitted comments concerns and subsequent findings. multiple times, in multiple forms, or had multiple comments in a written response. Each individual comment was categorized by topic but each individual response was summarized as being supportive of or opposed to the proposed OHV Park, i.e. if John Doe had an email listing four (4) concerns, each concern was noted by topic but John Doe's email was counted as one response either supportive of or opposed to the park based on the substance of the comments. questions were raised; these comments were counted as neutral with responses listed within this summary report.

As of December 19, 2013, sixty-nine (69) comment cards were received, two hundred twenty (220) comments were recorded at comment stations, and one hundred thirteen (113) emails or letters were received regarding the proposed Littlerock OHV Park, for a total of four hundred two (402) comments.

Of the four hundred two (402) comments received, comments were generally in support of the proposed OHV Park. Fifty-three percent (53%) or two hundred thirteen (213) comments were supportive of the proposed OHV Park, thirty percent (30%) percent or one hundred twenty-two (122) were opposed, and seventeen percent (17%) or sixty-seven (67) comments were neutral or raised a question.

Introduction

At a community meeting on November 20, 2013, staff from the County's Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) and planning consultants presented an overview of the County's OHV Park Planning Guidelines, the

proposed Littlerock site, and a review of preliminary concerns and responses. The Department's OHV Park Planning Guidelines and PowerPoint presentation may be viewed at this link to the Department's website (click on Littlerock Public Meeting PowerPoint Presentation):

http://parks.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpr/Parks/Off_Highway_vehicles?1dmy&pag e=dept.lac.dpr.home.parks.highlights.Offhighwayvehicles.detail.hidden&urile=wc m%3apath%3a/dpr+content/dpr+site/home/parks/off+highway+vehicles/left+nav/specail+projects

The County of Los Angeles has been researching various potential locations to provide OHV recreation to its residents. OHV Park Planning Guidelines were developed in 2010 through a series of community and stakeholder meetings, an advisory committee, public workshops, media outreach and a County website. Urban and regional OHV Parks along with regional OHV trails and staging areas were defined and identified as needs with goals and guidelines to direct development. The guidelines include a seven (7) step OHV Park review process to identify potential sites, determine appropriate use, review feasibility, and identify/mitigate environmental impacts. The Littlerock site was proposed as an OHV Park based on the large number of OHV users in the northern half of the County; the presence of landowners with larger parcels who have expressed interest in selling to the County; public lands to the north, east, and south of the site; no immediately adjacent residences - nearest residences are roughly 2.3 miles east and .66 miles west of the site over undulating terrain in both directions; an opportunity to mitigate existing illegal dumping; and the availability disturbed lands with a history of OHV use. The proposed site has opportunities to provide additional patrol to curtail illegal activities and aid in emergencies; provide multi-generational OHV recreation; identify other compatible recreational uses; protect lands for wildlife and natural resource protection; use existing trails; and manage the site for future generations.

Comment Stations and Other Public Comment

After the presentation, comment stations were staffed and public questions and comments were recorded. Written public comments were also received by the County prior to, during, and after the meeting via mail, comment card, and email. Questions and comments are summarized below, along with corresponding responses by the Department. Please note that this summary addresses the 402 comments received up until December 19, 2013. Of these comments, two hundred thirteen (213) were in support of the proposed Littlerock OHV Park, one hundred twenty-two (122) had strong concerns, and sixty-seven (67) comments

were either neutral or a question. In several cases, multiple written comments – whether by mail/email, comment card, or comment station - have been received from the same individuals; these are all included in the summary. There were also several different form letters that were mailed or emailed in and these were also individually included. Photographs of the comment sheets from the public meeting are included at the end of this summary starting on page 21; mail, email, and comment cards are not included so as to protect personal contact information.

Review of Comments

Four hundred two (402) comments were received up to December 19, 2013. Two hundred twenty (220) comments were received at comment stations at the November 20, 2013 community meeting. One hundred thirteen (113) comments were submitted via email or mail, and sixty-nine (69) comments were submitted in comment card form at the November 20, 2013 meeting (refer to Table 1).

Table 1

Comment(s) Type	Number of Comments*	Percentage of Total Comments
Comment Stations (11/20/2013 Meeting)	220	55%
Email/Mail	113	28%
Comment Card (11/20/2013 Meeting)	69	17%
Total	402	100%

Most comments focused on either support for or opposition to an OHV Park in Littlerock with fifty-three (53) percent of individual comments/points supportive of the park, and thirty (30) percent opposing the park; see Table 2. Most of those opposed to or expressing concerns about the proposed OHV Park did self-identify as residents of Juniper Hills; individuals were not requested to identify themselves, their affiliation, or where they reside.

Table 2

Comments Identified as Supportive of or	Number of	Percentage
Concerned about a Littlerock OHV Park	Comments	
Supportive of proposed OHV Park	213	53%
Concerned about proposed OHV Park	122	30%
Neutral or posed question	67	17%
Total	402	100%

Table 3 illustrates the comments organized by primary theme or topic, organized by the number of comments received. Some comments, including form letters supportive of and opposed to the proposed OHV Park, raised or addressed numerous topics which accounts for the higher number of total comment topics when compared to the total number of comments.

Table 3

Comments by Theme/Topic	Number of	Number of	Total
	Comments	Comments	Comments
	Supporting	Opposed	
	the Park	to the Park	
Maintenance	3	57	60
Fire	4	49	53
Family Recreation	42		42
Location/Size of Park	11	29	40
Equestrian Use	9	29	38
Erosion/Environmental		36	36
Sensitivity			
Law Enforcement	13	22	35
Other Existing OHV Recreation		30	30
Dust	3	23	26
Economic	23		23
Trash	8	15	23
Property Value		20	20
Noise	1	14	15
Suggestions	14		14
Need for OHV Recreation	11		11
Additional Review Needed		11	11
Additional Comments	4	7	11
Issues with OHV Users		8	8
Other Trail Users	7		7
Education	4		4
Wind	4		4
Green Sticker Funding	4		4
Restrooms and Facilities	3		3
Total	168	350	518

A summary of the comments, grouped by theme/topic, is included below:

Maintenance

Maintenance comments included suggestions for putting money from fees into trail management and maintenance, having park hosts to educate users on rules of the park, and implementing an adopt-a-trail program or encouraging a volunteer maintenance program to help with boundaries, enforcement, education and compliance. Maintenance concerns focused on lack of municipal water supplies for restrooms, the need for on-site security, increased use of emergency services such as fire, rescue, and the Sheriff, and ongoing costs of staffing and maintenance.

Fire

Fire comments addressed concerns with fire travelling fast and potential risk for Juniper Hills, the area is classified by County Fire as an extreme fire hazard, and possibility that a park would add to fire risk in the area. Comments also acknowledged that OHV riders don't want to start fires and that the requirement with an established OHV Park for spark arresters and other fire protection will result in a reduction to fire risk in the area.

Family Recreation

There were a large number of comments focusing on the positives of additional family recreation including the need for: a place for kids to ride safely and legally; better trails for local riders; a place for the whole family to recreate together; positive activities for youth in the area and deterrence of illegal activities through the presence of law enforcement.

Location/Size of Park

Comments varied considerably regarding location and size of the proposed park. Some stated the proposed park was not close to Juniper Hills and its proposed location cuts down on noise for residents; others stated it was too close to residents and would negatively impact Juniper Hills. Some stated that the proposed site is small and would have limited impact compared to other facilities including Angeles National Forest; others stated that the area was too small and there wasn't enough room for OHV use that would be drawn to the site. Some stated that there are decades of historic OHV use on the site, people have and are riding here now, and that other OHV areas are far away; others stated that they feel invaded and that this is devastating to their community, that OHV riders harass local residents, and that local ordinances/standards disallow subdivision under 5 acres to keep the rural character and the proposed park would go against these ordinances/standards.

Equestrian Use

Comments based on equestrian use included the opportunity to educate all people how to ride with horses and OHV users, sharing the trail; that trails could be "multi use" including motorcycle, equestrian, bicycle, hiking, OHV, etc.; that multiple uses need to co-exist; and that OHV users gave up their use of Barrel Springs for it to be a world class equestrian asset and that it is now OHVs turn to have a similar facility. Other comments raised concerns and safety for conflicting users; that the site is better suited for equestrian use and was originally designated as equestrian trails; and that OHV and horses don't mix.

Erosion/Environmental Sensitivity

Comments in this theme expressed concern about erosion from OHV use, especially on hill climbs; that habitat and natural resources will be eroded; land and habitat will be destroyed; that the land is already damaged from historical OHV use; desert ecosystem would be degraded and takes longer to recover from abuse; and that the proposed site is not compatible with the surrounding area.

Law Enforcement

Comments on law enforcement included the need for better law enforcement in the area; OHV use will happen somewhere else if not at the proposed park; the proposed park would allow use to be regulated but concern that there would be no enforcement of illegal activity and users; users will help regulate other users; legal use will help limit other illegal activities; there would be less illegal OHV use in Juniper Hills with an OHV Park; there is no funding for supervision; users will ignore property boundaries; increased Sheriff presence will help with illegal activities but that there will be gaps in coverage and the Sheriff won't be able to watch everything all the time; transients and out-of-area users would come to use the park; users won't trailer-in but will ride in on their vehicles; and creating a park won't fix the existing problems.

Other Existing OHV Recreation

Comments in this theme raised questions about the need for an OHV facility based on other legal riding areas nearby including over one hundred thousand acres of OHV area within an hour's drive. Concerns were raised about crossing Mt. Emma Road and that if the OHV Park is full that folks driving in from Los Angeles will then want to ride in Juniper Hills.

Dust

Comments on dust addressed the need for water to keep dust down which may add to soil erosion, that dust is part of living in the desert, that Valley Fever would be caused by dust disturbance, and general concerns about increased air quality and pollution.

Economic

Economic comments addressed local economic benefits of additional visitors and fees and the purchase of lodging, food, fuel, and associated spending.

Trash

Trash comments ranged from the proposed park helping curtail illegal dumping and transforming the site from a dump to a great place for fun and family to concerns that illegal dumping will just move to another location, users will leave additional trash, that dumping is already a problem and questioning how the site being a park would change/address the illegal dumping, and concern with out of area OHV users not understanding the value/aesthetics of the desert.

Property Value

Comments expressed concern that an OHV Park would lower property values in the area and that owners would need to disclose the OHV Park as an attractive nuisance at sell.

Noise

Comments included that there would be less noise in a managed area while others expressed concern over whining engines and loss of peace and quiet. Existing OHV noise is intermittent but concerned that the noise will be more consistent and sanctioned with an OHV Park. Other comments included that noise travels far in desert air, that residents' tranquility is being sacrificed for OHV use, and that noise would destroy enjoyment of the natural surroundings and habitat in the area.

Suggestions

Several suggestions were made including: provide camping without fires, open the old OHV area behind Littlerock Dam; provide alternative terrains for various types of riders; create one-way trails if needed for safety; establish trials practice and competitive events; avoid day use fee; include a memorial for Kurt Caselli; look at additional lands including Mud Hill; and provide equal access to County-provided recreation.

Need for OHV Recreation

Comments included that OHV recreation gives kids options from drugs and gangs, there aren't enough OHV facilities to meet the community's demands, that done correctly an OHV Park would be a great thing for the area, and that legal areas for OHV use are desired.

Additional Review Needed

Concerns about the need for environmental review, additional analysis, and additional information on the site selection/alternatives process were raised.

Miscellaneous/Additional Comments

Comments in this theme covered a broad range including that an OHV Park would be an invitation to Los Angeles residents; that the County is not as far along in the OHV site view process as was presented at the November 20 meeting – additional public comment/involvement is needed; that the sound system didn't work well; that the County has already made a decision; that it will take years to get an OHV Park; that cost was over emphasized as a factor for site prioritization; concern with requirement for an Environmental Impact Report; concern with drainage into Littlerock Creek and pollution in general.

Issues with OHV Users

Comments on this topic addressed arrogance and inconsiderate behavior of OHV riders; that a staging area would attracted additional out-of-town riders to the area; that riders won't stay on designated trails/areas; and that more people would mean more problems and injuries and the County would get sued.

Other Trail Users

Comments in this topic focused on the opportunity to allow for multi-use trails within the proposed park with suggestions for obstacle trials and non-motorized trails for mountain bikers and other users.

Education

Opportunities to provide education on proper OHV use and natural resources were the focus of education comments.

Wind

Comments about wind addressed conflicting opinions on wind direction being from the west or southwest, that it would not affect Juniper Hills and that bad weather would limit use of proposed park.

Green Sticker Funding

Green sticker funding comments addressed putting these funds to good use, improving the area, and potentially requiring a day use fee to help cover cost of operations and maintenance.

Restrooms and Facilities

Comments in this theme focused on providing restrooms and a helicopter pad, the need to provide emergency services, and maintenance of any facilities at the proposed OHV Park.

Questions and Responses:

Numerous questions were raised at the comment stations, in comment forms, and in email and mail communication. These questions are summarized below along with County response.

Question: Has the land been acquired and will there be a fee to use the park?

Response: The land has not yet been acquired but the County was successful in securing grant funds for OHV Park land acquisition. The park may have a fee for use but no decision has been made on whether

fees will be charged at this point in time.

Question: Where is the proposed site located? What are its exact location

and dimensions?

Response: The proposed site is located one-half mile east of the intersection of

Cheseboro Road and Mount Emma Road on the south side of Mount Emma Road adjacent to the Angeles National Forest Service boundary and encompasses 550 acres of land. See PowerPoint from November 20, 2013 for additional location

information.

Question: 550 acres seems small for a regional OHV Park - how will you

address this?

Response: Studies conducted by the County including extensive public input

indicate that a regional OHV Park should be 100 acres or larger. The proposed Littlerock park size would accommodate a staging area, with access to technical and educational tracks with

numerous loop trails.

Question: Is the area a sensitive environmental area?

Response: The proposed site is not contiguous to a Significant Ecological Area.

The Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness is located five (5) miles to the south over undulating terrain. The site is home to a variety of native flora and fauna and a biological resources assessment would be conducted to identify key sensitive environmental areas to

be protected.

Question: Can the County contract with the Antelope Valley Resource

Conservatory District nursery to replant native vegetation? Might

local residents also get involved with conservation efforts?

Response: DPR owns and maintains a number of natural area parks, and also

preservation parks, in the Antelope Valley, and is committed to protecting and maintaining the native landscape while balancing the recreational needs of County residents. Areas of the proposed park would be protected and re-establishment of native plants could be part of that effort. Use of native and indigenous plant material would be considered and working with the local Resource Conservatory District is one of many options that could be pursued. Ecological habitats would be evaluated prior to development to document existing and disturbed native communities. Public involvement in monitoring park activity, volunteer planting and other conservation efforts would be supported and encouraged. The County wants to engage the community in support of clean-up

efforts including establishing a community watch in the area.

Question: Will there be any restrictions on the type of vehicle?

Response: The type of OHV's to be permitted is dependent on further analysis

including environmental review; no restrictions are known at this

time.

Question: Is this a use-it-or-lose-it [regarding State grant funds]? What

happens if grant is not used? What are grant stipulations?

Response: The total estimated project cost for acquisition of land is \$771,000.

The County was successful in a grant application for \$377,000 from

the OHV Program to acquire land for OHV Park purposes with the remaining \$394,000 coming from the County Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) OHV Special Fund. If the State grant funds are not used by the end of 2017, the grant funds will not be available to the County for this specific park acquisition.

Question:

Where is funding for everything: acquisitions, design, construction, operations, maintenance, as well as future staffing to site? Where will all the extra funding come from?

Response: The County hopes to use a grant for \$377,000 and \$394,000 from the County DPR's OHV Special Fund to pay for land acquisition. Funding of design development, environmental review, construction documents, construction, law enforcement, park staffing, operations, and maintenance will be covered by a variety of funding sources. Day use fees may be collected and these could support park staffing, operations and maintenance. When the County develops an OHV Park, the annual OHV funds received from State Parks OHV Division will increase to help cover costs associated with enforcement, operation and maintenance, etc. DPR presently receives OHV funds and will pursue grant funding for the operations and maintenance of the park available from State Parks, various law enforcement agencies such as the County Sheriff's Department, Angeles National Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and non-profits and environmental organizations.

Question: Are green sticker funds being used for the project?

Response: Yes, initial funding for the acquisition of land is from the California

State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR)

Division which is funded by green sticker funds.

Question: Are there any comparable sites? What other OHV Parks have

accomplished these goals presented tonight?

Response: The County does not own or operate any OHV Park. State Parks

successfully operates comparable-sized OHV Parks in the state but

none are within or near the County of Los Angeles.

Question: What is meant by "few adjacent landowners"? Easier to just do what County wants?

Response: This comment was referencing that the proposed Littlerock site has few landowners with larger land holdings, which makes discussing and potentially acquiring land easier in that there are fewer individuals with whom to coordinate. These landowners have indicated that they are interested in discussing selling their property to the County for use as an OHV Park. Other proposed park sites have both had numerous landowners and have not indicated an interest in selling to the County.

Question: Why not incorporate the area with the biggest dumping problem (road to "Mud Hill" - between proposed site and Juniper Hills)?

Response: Though this area is not included in the proposed park, clean up around the proposed park including "Mud Hill" area would be pursued with assistance from local volunteer groups to address the dumping in the general area around the proposed park.

Question: Is there room for expansion through additional parcels for purchase?

Response: DPR is not planning on expansion unless there are options to acquire additional parcels or to provide increased natural buffers.

Question: Is there a need beyond other OHV facilities in County?

Response: Currently, there are approximately 135,000 registered OHV's within the County but a limited number of sites for OHV recreation. The demand for OHV recreational opportunities in Los Angeles County continues to increase as the population grows. There are other OHV facilities within the County including a small portion of Hungry Valley (Gorman) State Vehicular Recreation Area; Rowher Flats, Drinkwater, and San Gabriel Canyon, which are all Angeles National Forest Service OHV Areas; one privately owned/operated OHV Park; and the Rincon-Shortcut USFS OHV Route and Indian Canyon Trailhead USFS OHV Trail Staging Area. The San Gabriel Canyon OHV area is permitted by agreement with the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District, DPR, and the Angeles National

Forest who manage the site. The County does not presently own/operate an OHV recreation park. Most of the OHV recreation acreage within the Angeles National Forest and within Hungry Valley (Gorman) State Vehicular Recreation Area have been reduced yet recreational user numbers are increasing.

Question: Fire-how do you stop smoking in 550 acres to Juniper Hills?

Response: The County cannot stop any individual from smoking but the County can implement and enforce regulations to increase fire prevention including no smoking regulations within the proposed park. Fire is a significant issue in the Littlerock area. Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Fire Prevention Bureau are members of the DPR Safety, Enforcement & Fire Prevention Task Force. Fire prevention efforts will likely include the provision of water storage for fire suppression efforts which may help address fire concerns in the area. DPR is coordinating with County Fire, County Fire Prevention Bureau, and Angeles National Forest Service to further evaluate the area and ascertain prudent steps necessary to prevent fires. Open fires would not be permitted within the park boundaries, and no barbeques would be allowed. The Parks Bureau would be reviewing vehicles for appropriate spark arrestors to limit fire potential and provide regular inspections; currently, there is no inspection occurring on the existing illegal OHV use in the area. Community involvement to map emergency access routes may also be considered in fire prevention efforts.

Question: Who do we sue when brushfire destroys Juniper Hills?

Response: Appropriate fire protection is important for any building or land in a

> high fire area such as Juniper Hills. Legal proceedings to sue over brushfire damage would presumably be based on who or what caused the fire, the actions or inactions that followed, with consideration to fire prevention efforts; legal counsel would need to

be engaged based on the specifics of the case.

Question: Why wasn't County Fire at the community meeting?

Response: County Fire was in attendance at the November 20, 2013 meeting.

Question: How are you going to keep users in the facility and ensure enough

sheriff patrol? Where will new law enforcement come from?

Response: By opening a portion of the area south of Mount Emma Road to both OHV use and non-motorized use within the proposed project area, the unauthorized unrestricted use will be reduced and hopefully eliminated through dedicated enforcement and a regulated approved use. The Parks Bureau (County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department) will patrol the park and approximately two mile radius of the proposed park boundary, which will have perimeter fencing installed where needed. The

What are the proposed rules and regulations?

Response: Rules and regulations have not yet been articulated but will follow

existing State Parks OHV Park guidelines. No smoking, barbeques or open fires will be allowed and the park will be day use only.

enforcement area will include portions of Juniper Hills, Littlerock,

and also portions of the Angeles National Forest Service land.

Question: Will equestrian trails be permitted? What about multi-use of trails?

Response: The proposed park would be multi-use and include trail etiquette

training for the public. No open riding will be permitted within the proposed recreation park. Trails and/or training courses will be properly marked and policy/procedures will be available onsite within the staging area and at trailhead access points, and strongly

enforced by the Parks Bureau and DPR staff.

Question: What happened to the previous plans for an equestrian park?

Response: The site has a history of OHV and equestrian use. The

Los Angeles County Antelope Valley General Plan has not been updated since 1986 and the County's adopted regional multi-use (equestrian, mountain biking, and hiking) proposed trail alignments are located on the north side of Mount Emma Road and are on private property with no recorded multi-use trail easements or agreements. The proposed OHV Park is located on the south side

Question:

of Mount Emma Road. OHV use was removed at Barrel Springs to provide for the Barrel Springs Equestrian Center.

Question: How many riders should be expected? How many vehicles will be

allowed? Where/what will happen for overflow users?

Response: OHV Park capacity will be evaluated once the land is acquired and

environmental review will help determine design and carrying capacity of the park. Actual riders and vehicle numbers are not available at this time; numbers will be adjusted based on actual use with contingency plans should overflow use become an issue

including providing maps for other off-highway facilities.

Question: Who will ensure that riders are not cutting through the fence?

Response: The OHV Park would be have wildlife-friendly fencing along its

boundary to allow wildlife to migrate through the site while delineating park boundaries. The Parks Bureau would be enforcing the park boundary and internal regulations on a full-time basis for

the first year to determine future enforcement needs.

Question: How will the area outside the fenced park area be monitored to

prevent dumping, especially around "Mud Hill?"

Response: The Parks Bureau (County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department)

will patrol the park and approximately two mile radius of the proposed park boundary. The enforcement area will include portions of Juniper Hills, Littlerock, and also portions of the Angeles National Forest Service land; this would include the Mud Hill area.

Who will protect the residents [Juniper Hills] from dust, noise, etc.?

Response: The proposed project site is approximately 2.3 miles west of the

closest resident in Juniper Hills and is comprised of small valleys and connecting ridges and ridgelines. The staging area would be sited within a small valley which is a natural barrier to sound, dust, etc. Law enforcement will check all vehicles for proper

muffler/spark arrestor systems, and will be sound-tested following State regulations. If found to have an altered muffler/spark arrestor the vehicle owner and vehicle license number and/or vehicle ID

number will be logged, and owner or rider cited, and not permitted

Question:

to use the vehicle within park boundaries, and within the immediate area. If necessary, tracks can be watered to cut down on dust.

Question: Who will protect the equestrian riders? How will you be able to keep off-roaders from infringing into the equestrian communities

and ranches that are in the area already?

Response: The Parks Bureau (County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department)

will patrol the park and approximately two mile radius of the proposed park boundary. The enforcement area will include portions of Juniper Hills, Littlerock, and also portions of the Angeles National Forest Service land; this would include the Mud Hill area. The County plans to provide trail etiquette, safety, and

environmental education training at the proposed park.

Question: Why don't the OHV riders use the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

instead?

Response: The Antelope Valley Fairgrounds is a private facility for motocross

racing and does not provide a range of OHV recreation, education, or training opportunities, which is planned for the proposed OHV

Park.

Question: Will OHV education be available to outside area riders especially

regarding right of way for horses?

Response: The County plans to provide trail etiquette, safety, and

environmental education training at the proposed park.

Question: Is it going to be limited use or open riding area?

Response: It is not anticipated that there will be an open riding area. There

would be a range of trails, including skills and training courses, to be used by a variety of OHV types; some areas would be off-limits

and would be fenced, signed, and enforced as no-ride areas.

Question: How do you plan to address the traffic problem on Mount Emma?

It's only a two lane road!

Response: Traffic studies will be conducted as part of the environmental

review process to determine potential impacts and how to mitigate

those impacts.

Question: Will there be camping or lights?

Response: Park would be day-use only with no camping; there would be no

lights.

Question: What were the other sites considered and how/why were they ruled

out?

Response: The County started with a list of available properties provided by

the real estate departments. Properties were reviewed with regards to size, location, land use, adjacent land use, sale price, and other factors. Site visits of properties that were potentially viable were held to further assess the potential for the site to be an OHV Park. Landowners of properties that continued to be considered as potentially viable were contacted with a Letter of Interest to determine if the owner was interested in selling to the County for the purposes of an OHV Park. Of the sites that were considered as potentially viable, the only landowners that

expressed interest were those at the proposed Littlerock site.

Question: Why is this exempt from CEQA?

Response: The project is not exempt from CEQA (California Environmental

Quality Act). The request for grant funding was exempt from CEQA according to Section 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 25 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guides, Appendix G, because the grant funding was for acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes. CEQA documentation and adoption will be required for

the development of the property.

Question: What kind of environmental studies are going to be done?

Response: Depending on funding sources, any project would need to go

through and address California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements to identify environmental impacts; if federal funds are

used, then National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) requirements will also need to be addressed. An initial study would be completed to preliminarily identify potential impacts in seventeen (17) areas per CEQA requirements (aesthetics; agricultural resources; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils and seismicity; greenhouse gas emissions; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology & water quality; land use and noise; population, housing & planning; .mineral resources; employment; public services; recreation; transportation & traffic; and utilities & service systems). These would be further reviewed and either a mitigated negative declaration or an environmental impact report would be prepared to indicate environmental impacts and associated mitigations to lessen those impacts.

Question:

Is this another County waste of time? Is something going to happen?

Response: The County is committed to providing a range of recreational opportunities including off-highway vehicle recreation and has already invested resources and received significant public input to develop guidelines and identify potential site to provide OHV recreation. The County has established OHV objectives which they intend to meet, which include: creating an OHV staging area and park for County residents to facilitate legal riding and OHV recreation; utilize State funds given to the County for the purpose of constructing OHV facilities; prevent unauthorized off-highway recreation activities that are currently occurring at the project site and on surrounding properties; delineate specific legal trails for OHV activities for responsible recreation; step up enforcement activities in the vicinity of the project site to monitor unauthorized vehicle use on private property, illegal dumping, and illegal firearm use; and engage community efforts and attention on the area surrounding the project site to support clean-up efforts and community watch.

Conclusion:

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) values all comments and opinions as we strive to develop, maintain, and program recreational facilities throughout the County of Los Angeles. Without constructive comments from communities and users-at-large, we would not be able to effectively, or efficiently, provide the diverse recreational services and opportunities that is our mission.

The Department's Planning staff have completed the review of all public comments received before, during, and after the November 20, 2013 community meeting, which are summarized within this report. As outlined in Table 3, page 4 many potential impacts and concerns with the proposed project can be mitigated to less than significant level. Furthermore, in response to public concerns and discussion with the Safety, Fire Prevention, and Enforcement Task Force the park:

- Will be in operation only during daylight hours, thus not permitting camping, and reducing night glare associated with vehicle lights.
- Will not permit open fires or smoking within park grounds.
- Will require fire extinguishers within all four-wheeled vehicles.
- Will include one or more bathrooms and a multitude of shade structures.
- Will include wildlife-friendly perimeter fencing where appropriate.
- Will include two full-time Parks Bureau enforcement/safety officers.
- Will include multiuse non-motorized amenities as appropriate.

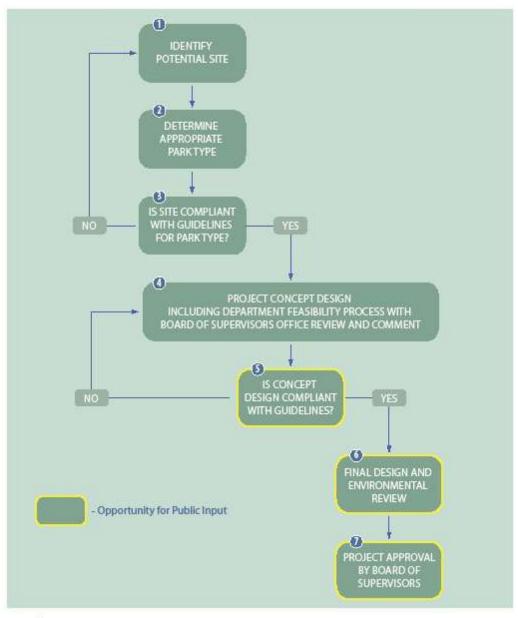
The CEQA environmental process will provide further analysis of the park parcels, including completion of the draft conceptual park design. The CEQA analysis may dictate locations prudent for siting park amenities. The park conceptual design will include public input, and during the environmental review, public scoping meetings will provide a continued forum for public input on the proposed OHV recreation park.

Next steps per the OHV Park Proposal Review Process will include further development of a draft conceptual site plan, that will be forwarded to Regional Planning, other County Departments (Public Works, Fire, & Health), and the Board of Supervisors for preliminary review and feedback. The County's OHV Park Proposal Review Process, as delineated in the OHV Park Planning Guidelines, will continue to be followed. See page 20 for the County's OHV Park Proposal Review Process Flowchart.

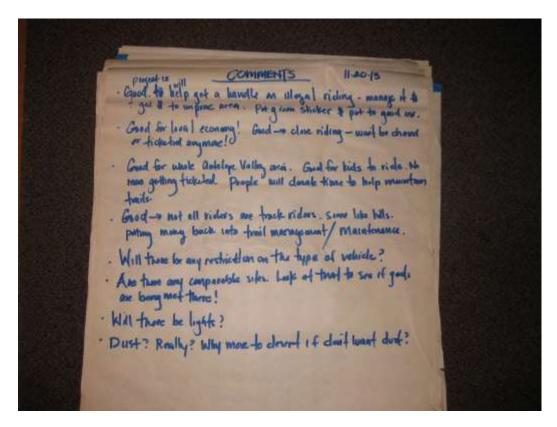
The proposed OHV park will satisfy the recreational needs of off-road enthusiasts, as well as provide diverse recreational opportunities, such as for natural park visitors and equestrians. Given the sufficient area of the park site, recreational programming will expand to provide a regional park attraction enhanced by environmental education, conservation, volunteerism and trail etiquette training.



Figure 5: OHV Park Proposal Review Process



20 OHV Park Flanning Guidelines



this proposal will increase the area and reduce crowding & safety problems. They support this bic it provides more CHV area needed in the Country. This would add facilities that don't currently exist.

How are you going to Keep Users in the facility of ensure enough Sheriff patrol.

Allow an open riding area win the facility, unrestricted, observed trials, rocks and obstacles to practice on endurance practice track. The mortal for Kurt Caselli.

Need a place for the children to ride safefiegal & Keep them out

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+ WILL this bring money to the community fuel bike party staged events which will bring spetators to rave revenue.

+ Open old OHV area behind Littlemak dam; protect the toad, open mountain range back up.

+ A well managed OHV park is a million times botter than uncontrolled million times botter than uncontrolled with equity for all types of recreation.

California Cty 15 close by here check it Out & Self how check it Out & Self how

+ Provide camping facilities - while
to support these coming from out at
town

+ (OHV forest volunteer for 2 deads='
OHU users generally do not riole
on equestian trails; horses can hear thun
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on equestian trails.

+ Will equestian trails be permitted in
conjunction.

+ All Implement an Adopt a trail program
and/or encourage a volunteer maintainance
program.

Jumper Wind blows from SW, will not affect Juniper Hills, in regards to fine, wind, emissions, enorian (dust),

How many riders should one be expected?

Are there perimeter lights planned?

Will the entire site be used by OHVE?

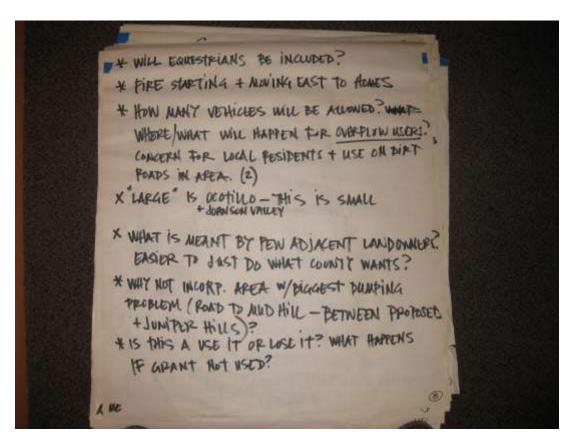
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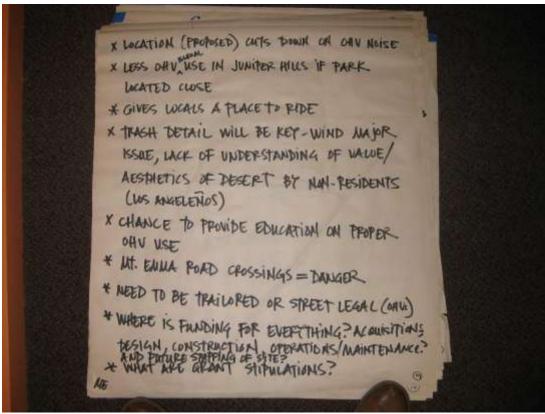
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Concern over erosion, to land has not recovered from historical use

OHN uses will destroy the land, NOT a pate

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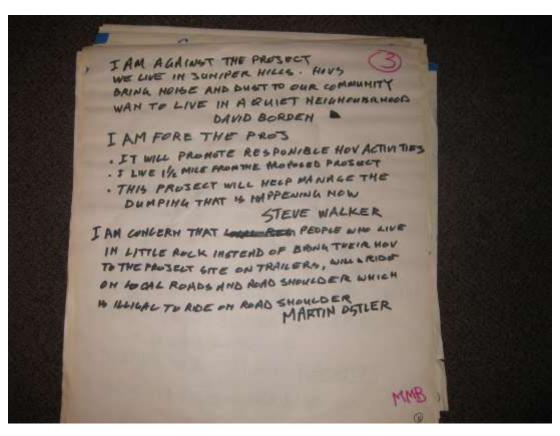


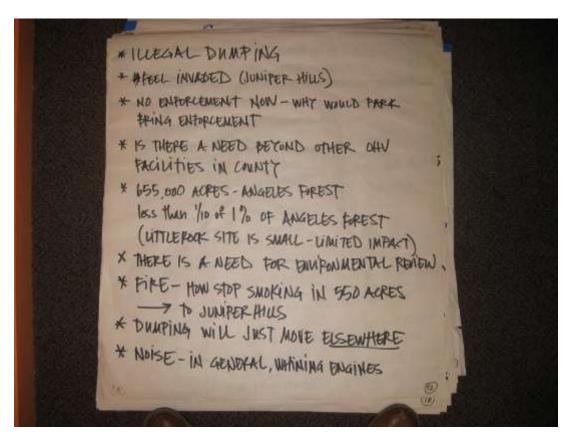
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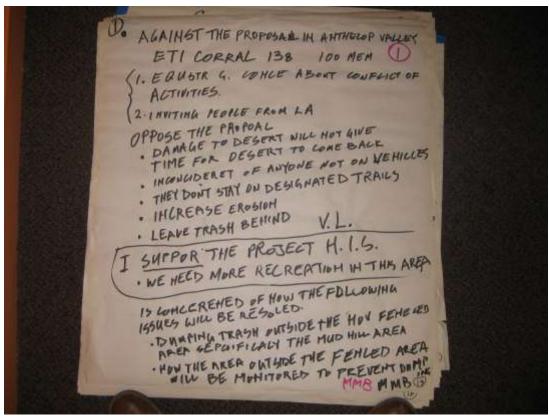
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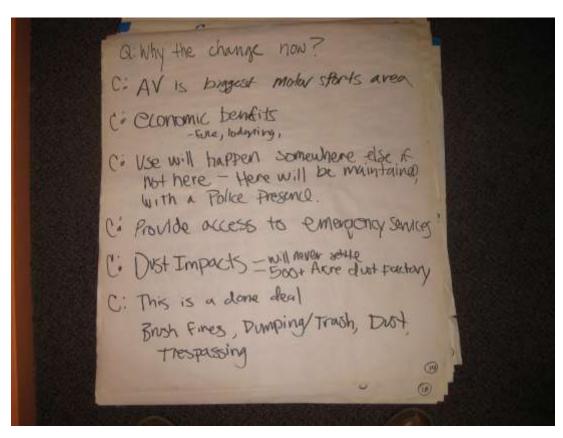
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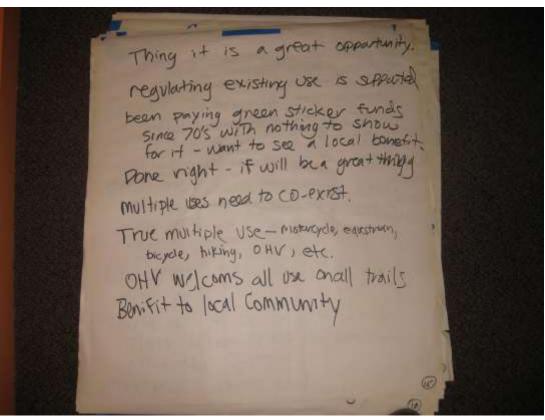
Some people complain that ice cream is too cold.











Don't think regulating will
fix the existing problems.

-Will be an asset for all riders
-Providing alternate termins
for various types of viders

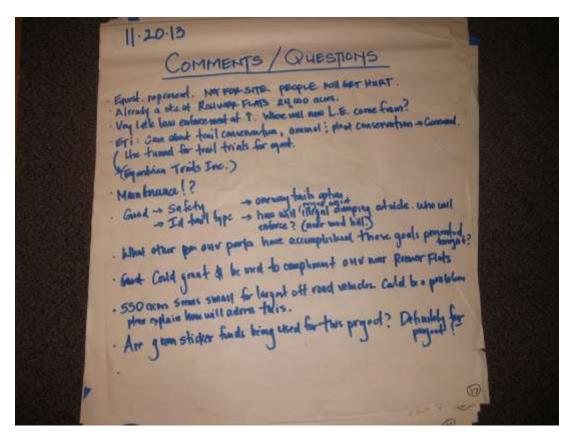
-Foos will help to maintain trail.

Need more space - lack of space
For so many viders is a safety,
Concern - overcoulding and
accidents. (Corman)

Use green sticker finds to maintain
facility

Sherris will not be on site at all
times, will not be able to witch at
all times

More people, more problems



t Where will all the extra funding come from, who will ensure that riders are not cutting through the sence.

I who will protect the residents from dust, noise, etc.

I who will protect the equestrian riders, horses get spowed

I why don't the OHU riders use the Antelope Fair growth instead - Open that up for riders

I Need to provide a fee for users to help cover the cost of operating the facility. Ie, \$5/day we', to keep ristage out.

Restrooms should actually be maintained

Giving local residents a place to ride, just thats,

Better law enforcement in the area.

Cut down on local dumping

Pork hosts to educate on rules of park

Not near Juniper Hills

Invent 6-wheeler, 19-wheeler, 18 limos

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Built, maintanance over long-term

Parks have already been

Economic need in community

Kids track / Motocrass events

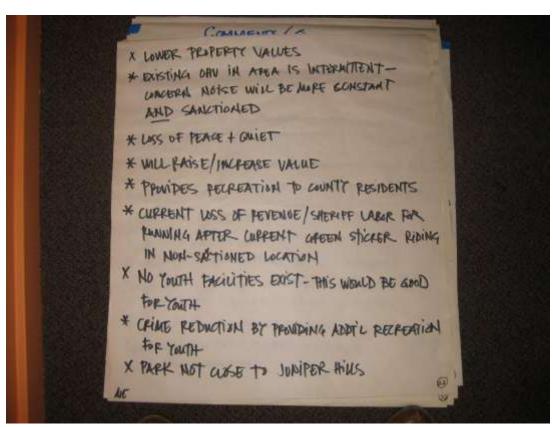
Free trash collection

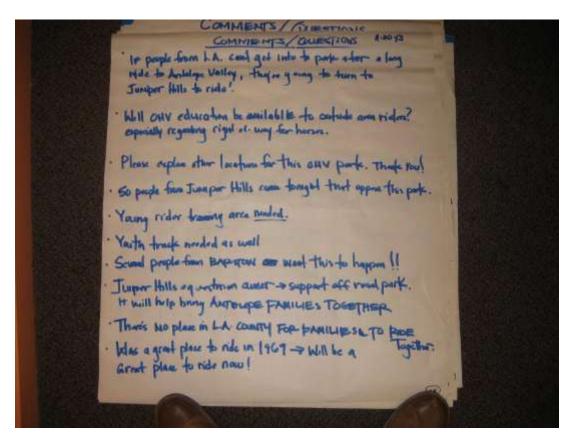
tree entry into facility

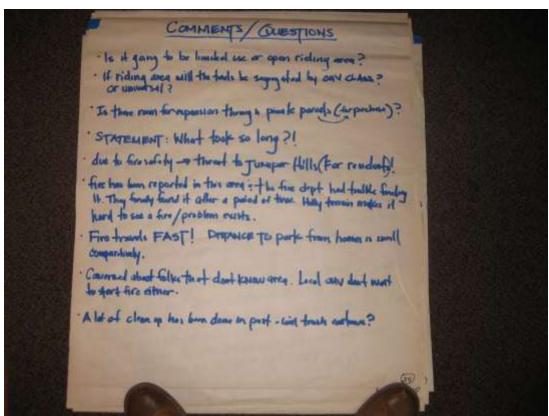
Increase opportunity, decrease use of non-motorized trails

Non-motorized comparent added to park, mountain bilke trails

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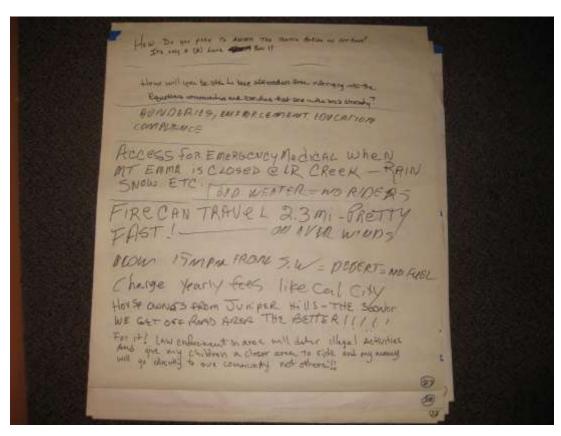
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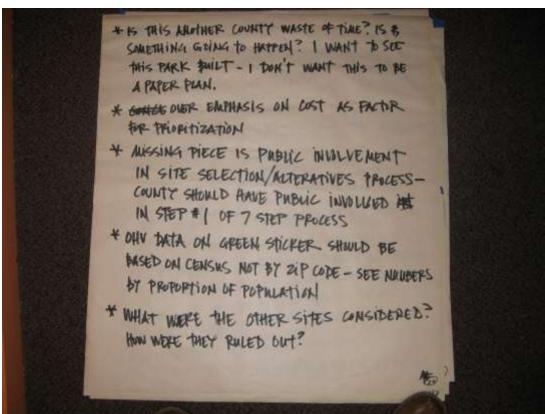
County OHV & can not be enforcement only - must also provide opportunities.

· Alestions about air auallty

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to assess - want to sep env. Doc.





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Fewer and fewer places to go without noise disruption, enjoy nature

Amoganize of OHU

Destroyed land and habitat

Fire concerns

Hill climbs causes enosion

OHU is permanent, tracks last a lifetime

Habitat and natural resources will be enoded

Drought

Who do we see when brushfire destroys

Juniper Hills

People will be injured and a will see County.

Unlley Fener will be caused by dust disturbence

