

**CALIFORNIA OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION
COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES
ONTARIO CONVENTION CENTER
ROOM 203 A, B, & C
200 CONVENTION CENTER WAY
ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 3, 2004

(Approved as presented at January 22, 2005 meeting.)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Paul J. Spitler, Chair
Robert F. Chavez, Vice-Chair
Judith A. Anderson
John E. Brissenden
Harold M. Thomas
Edward H. Waldheim

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Michael F. Prizmich

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Tim La Franchi, Legal Counsel, DPR
Daphne C. Greene, Deputy Director, OHMVR Division
Anthony I. Perez, Chief, OHMVR Division
Rick LeFlore, Superintendent IV, OHMVR Division
Julie D. Hom, Staff Park & Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Lowell Landowski, Associate Park & Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Felicia M. Miller, Associate Park & Recreation Specialist
Clark Woy, Associate Park & Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Kathleen E. Mick, Deputy Director's Assistant-Special Projects, OHMVR Division
John Pelonio, Supervising Ranger, OHMVR Division
Kathy Dolinar, District Superintendent, Ocotillo Wells SVRA
Leda Seals, District Administrative Officer, Ocotillo Wells SVRA
Tom Tanner, District Superintendent, Hollister Hills SVRA

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Joe Rosato, Public Information Officer, DPR
Laurie J. Taylor, Executive Secretary, OHMVR Division
Sandra J. Elder, Commission Assistant, OHMVR Division

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT

Kenneth J. Pogue, Deputy Attorney General

REGISTERED VISITORS

George Barnes, Sierra Club California
Francis Moore, Kern County Sheriff's Dept.
Jeff Dumas, Kern County Sheriff's Dept.
Harold Soens, AMA/District 38, SDORE
Gregory Meese, Angeles NF
Tom Walsh, Save our Forest Assn.
Todd Ellsworth, Inyo NF
Cory Linder, County of San Diego DPR
Beth Padon, Society for California Archaeology
Rick LaBorde, Inyo NF
Dale Mondary, Town of Yucca Valley
Diana Craig, USFS, Vallejo
Glenn Gwaltney, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.
Nils Bentsen, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.
Eric Hurtado, California City PD
David Moore, BLM Ridgecrest
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Marlene Finley, UFSF Regional Office
Chris Evans, San Bernardino NF
Tony Danna, BLM, Sacramento
Cindy Szloboda, Camp Fire USA
Dana Nichol, Pete Conaty & Associates
Tom Tammone, CORVA/CTVC
Byron Kahr, California Wilderness Coalition
Harold Carter, Imperial County Sheriff's Dept.
Eric Outfleet, Madera County Sheriff's Dept.
Mark McNay, Imperial County Sheriff's Dept.
Fairelene Taylor, Imperial County Sheriff's Dept.
Wayne Todd, CORVA
Steve Hester, SCA
John Anderson, Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
Melanie Tennant, Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
Ray Kidd, Los Padres NF
John Wambaugh, San Bernardino NF
Karen Schambach, PEER

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Karen McKinley, Los Padres NF
Tom Kuekes, Los Padres NF
Bob Ham, Imperial County Governmental Relations
John Blachley, BLM, Chief Area Ranger
Ron Morfin, BLM, Yuma FO
Gail Acheson, BLM, Palm Springs FO
Mona Daniels, BLM, Palm Springs FO
John Kalish, BLM, Palm Springs FO
Fred Wiley, CNSA
Anthony Valencia, San Bernardo County Sheriff's Dept.
John Bierk, BLM Needles FO
Don Amador, BRC
Nick Haris, AMA
C. Conklin, San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.
Rich Williams, BLM Bishop FO
Dana Bell, NOHVCC
Ray Young, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
Michael Antonicci, California City PD
Dottie Hoover, Palo Verde Land
John McVicker, Bakersfield PD
David Brantley, Bakersfield PD
Kim Floyd, Mojave Group, Sierra Club
Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37, Competition
John Seales, Angeles NF
Jim Stalwaker, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.
Leslie Preston, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.
Ana Clark, California State Auditor, Bureau of State Audits
Dave Pickett, AMA/District 36, Motor Cycle Sports Committee
Jim Weigand, BLM, California State Office
Bruce Smith, Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
Dale Johnson, San Bernardino NF Association, OHV
Roger Wauane, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
Pat Flanagan, Morongo Basin Conservation Association
Roxie Frost, BLM, Barstow FO
Mike Ahrens, BLM, Barstow FO
John Hamill, Dept. of the Interior, Desert Managers Group
Raina Fulton, Angeles NF
Anne Carey, Cleveland NF
Dan Matriciano, Temecula Wine Country Residents
Ileene Anderson, CNPS
Judy Behrens, Cleveland NF
John Mavaroles, Cleveland NF
Kelly Fuller, Desert Survivors
C. J. Stewart, California Trail Users, CNFOHVA
Craig Cowie, Cleveland NF
Guy Chrest, American Sand Association

Tom Kaucher, USFS, Saugus
Greg Thomsen, BLM, Moreno Valley
Neil Hamada, BLM El Centro FO
Alan Gerkey, All Pro MX Performance
Christine Gerkey, All Pro MX Performance

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spitler called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m., in Room 203 A, B, & C, Ontario Convention Center, 200 Convention Center Way, Ontario, California 91764.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Spitler led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Michael Prizmich was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Waldheim moved to accept the minutes of October 29, 2004 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

PROPOSED 2005 CALENDAR

Commissioner Waldheim commented that he appreciated staff's suggested 2005 meeting schedule as it fits around other meetings scheduled for the year.

Chair Spitler stated that the next meeting of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission would be January 22, 2005 (Saturday) in Sacramento. Besides a brief meeting of the Commission, the annual public meeting will also be held.

REPORTS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Greene introduced Felicia Miller, a new grants administrator at OHV headquarters; District Superintendent Kathy Dolinar and District Administrative Officer Leda Seals from Ocotillo Wells SVRA; and Tom Tanner, the District Superintendent at Hungry Valley SVRA.

She reported that due to underage abuse of alcohol and open fires at the three main attractions of Ocotillo Wells SVRA (Blow Sand Hill, Devil's Slide, and Shell Reef) District Superintendent Dolinar has issued a Superintendent's Order restricting alcohol and campfires except in designated camping areas for these three attractions. There were no reported incidents with the over 150,000 visitors during the Thanksgiving holidays. She thanked District Superintendent Dolinar for starting this new procedure.

**RICH FARRINGTON,
U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

Dr. Farrington introduced Marlene Finley. She is now the Director of Recreation, Wilderness and Heritage Resources for Region 5.

He gave a brief overview of his quarterly report to the OHMVR Commission (see Attachment A).

Commissioner Chavez appreciated the information contained in the Red Trails report submitted at the last meeting.

Commissioner Waldheim encouraged the forest supervisors to upgrade the Red Trails and not close them.

Commissioners Brissenden, Thomas and Chavez made comments on the sample Route Inventory Map submitted which showed National Forest System Roads and non-system routes. It was suggested that the changing the status of non-system routes to classified routes be addressed in his report for the January meeting.

Commissioner Chavez thanked Dr. Farrington for the work done to keep the Mammoth Motocross.

**JIM KEELER, STATE OHV COORDINATOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Keeler introduced Tony Danna, Deputy State Director of the Division of Natural Resources, BLM; and Jim Weigand, State Ecologist in BLM's Division of Natural Resources.

He briefly referred to the accomplishments at several field offices (see Attachment B).

Commissioner Thomas commented on the number of citations issued at Imperial Sand Dunes over the Thanksgiving holidays.

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Commissioner Waldheim indicated that law enforcement in BLM's desert area appeared to have a comprehensive approach.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

A. 2004/05 Northern California Local Assistance Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

Chair Spitler informed the audience that if they wished to speak on any of the items on the agenda they would have to complete the green form for items on the agenda and the blue form for items not on the agenda.

He indicated that there is several sets of grant allocation recommendations: staff and Commissioners Spitler/Waldheim. The reason for the two sets of recommendations is because of poor communication between the Commission and the staff. He stated that in the future the Commission and staff would be working towards a better relationship.

Julie Hom, Grants and Winter Recreation Manager, informed the Commissioners and the audience that Division recommendations reflect the grant criteria found under CCR 4970.32 (c); and that recommendations reflect input received at the February 21, 2004 Commission meeting as well as the two grant commission meetings in Northern (August) and Southern (September) California. At these meetings members of the public and grant applicants provided input on grants and cooperative agreements to Division staff and the Commission. In addition, staff also looked at Commission priorities, past funding by the Commission and the historical performance by the grantee. Division recommendations reflect the need to fund route inventory studies and to have WHPP studies rather than individual forest and field office WHPP's. Generally equipment replacement and purchase was considered low priority. Administration associated with the grants, contracts and program was also low priority and in most cases not funded.

Finally, ongoing projects and programs for enforcement and development are recommended over new proposals.

OR-2-P-72 – PLUMAS NF, RESTORATION PROGRAM 05

Amount requested: \$1,465,245. Staff recommended amount: \$417,000.

The following people spoke in support staff amount:

Fred Krueger, Plumas NF
Karen Schambach, PEER
Dave Pickett, AMA/District 36
John Stewart, CA4WDC

Commissioner Spitler made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-P-72 be approved in the amount of \$700,000.

Commissioner Chavez made an amended motion and it was seconded that OR-2-P-72 be approved for \$417,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the amended motion. MOTION FAILED with two ayes and four nays.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the original motion of \$700,000. MOTION CARRIED with four ayes and two nays.

OR-2-ST-59 - USFS STANISLAUS NF, DEVELOPMENT (INTERFACE) 05

Commissioner Thomas moved and it was seconded to continue this item until the next meeting, as the CEQA has not been completed. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2004/05 Southern California Local Assistance Grants and Cooperative Agreements. Review status of and allocate funding. Commission will consider applications, take public testimony and select priorities for such funding of grants:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Brissenden moved to approve the following grant recommendations under Consent:

OR-707	San Diego Co. Sheriff Equipment 05	zero
OR-690	Riverside Co. Sheriff Equipment 05	zero
OR-713	Riverside Co. Sheriff OHV Enforc. 05	\$100,000
OR-678	Mammoth Lakes OHV & Mtn Bike Map 05	zero
OR-679	Mammoth Lakes Winter Recreation Map or	zero
OR-709	Kern Co. Sheriff Equipment 05	zero
OR-696	Cathedral City Police Dept OHV Enforc. 05	\$20,000
OR-687	Bakersfield Police Dept Equipment 05	zero
OR-688	Bakersfield Police Dept OHV Enfor 05	\$15,000
OR-2-SW-28	USFS Pacific SW Rgn. Equipment 05	zero
OR-2-A-63	USFS Angeles NF Equipment 05	zero
OR-2-A-62	USFS Angeles NF Enforcement 05	\$75,000
OR-2-C-46	USFS Cleveland NF Dev. (Major maint) 05	zero
OR-2-C-45	USFS Cleveland NF Acquisition 05	zero
OR-1-CD-310	CA Desert Dist Wilderness Rest. V 05	\$250,000
OR-1-CD-300	Needles F.O. Equipment 05	zero
OR-1-CD-305	Palm Springs F.O. Equipment 05	zero
OR-1-CD-304	Palm Springs F.O. Enforcement 05	\$80,000

Under public comment Dave Pickett, AMA District 36 Motorcycle Sports Committee, and Don Amador, BRC, both spoke in support of staff recommendations.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. The motion was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Spitler stated that he would defer from the grant applicants speaking.

OR-711 – TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, SBCS ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$34,000. Staff recommended amount: \$15,000.

The following people spoke in support of full funding:

Dale Mondary, San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Byron Kahr, CA Wilderness Coalition
Pat Flanagan, ORV Watch
Dave Oakleaf, AMA, Dist. 37
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Karen Schambach, PEER

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-711 be approved for \$20,000.

Commissioner Chavez made an amended motion and it was seconded that OR-711 be approved for \$34,000.

Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with four ayes and two nays.

OR-706 – SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF OHV ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$156,000. Staff recommended amount: \$55,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Harold Soens, AMA/Dist. 38
John Stewart, CA4WDC

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-706 be approved for \$50,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PR-717 – SAN DIEGO COUNTY, RAMONA & LAKESIDE RESTORATION 05

Amount requested: \$343,000. Staff recommended amount: \$312,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Corey Linder, County of San Diego DPR
Karen Schambach, PEER

The following people spoke in opposition of funding:

John Stewart, CA4WDC

Dave Oakleaf, AMA/Dist. 37

Commissioner Thomas made the motion and it was seconded that OR-717 be approved for \$115,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-681 – SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF OHV ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$70,000. Staff recommended amount: \$30,000.

The following people spoke in support staff recommendation for all five grant applications:

Glenn Gwaltney, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.
Anthony Valencia, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.
Nils Bentsen, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Don Amador, BRC
Mike Ahrens, BLM Barstow FO
Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37

Chair Spitler made the motion and it was seconded that OR-681 be approved for \$35,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-697 – SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF OHV ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$53,000. Staff recommended amount: \$26,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-697 be approved for \$26,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-703 – SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF OHV ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$263,000. Staff recommended amount: \$25,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-703 be approved for zero funding.

Commissioner Thomas made an amended motion that OR-703 be approved for \$40,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the amended motion. MOTION FAILED with two ayes and four nays.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the original motion. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-704 – SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF EQUIPMENT 05

Amount requested: \$100,000. Staff recommended amount: \$0.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-704 be approved for zero funding.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-716 – SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF EQUIPMENT 05

Amount requested: \$97,000. Staff recommended amount: \$0.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-716 be approved for zero funding.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-684 – LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF OHV ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$88,000. Staff recommended amount: \$40,000.

The following people spoke in support of full funding:

- Gregory Meese, Angeles NF
- Tom Tammone, CORVA/CTVC
- John Stewart, CA4SDC
- Roger Wallace, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-684 be approved for \$20,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Spitler adjourned for a coffee break at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Spitler reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT, AGENDIZED AT 11:00 A.M.

The following people spoke on a variety of items not on the agenda:

Tom Walsh, Save our Forest Association. Asked about the status on the OHV Fuel Tax Survey. He is interested in the results from the current one considering the last one was done in 1990. He also requested the status of the establishment of the new SVRA in the Beaumont area.

Harold Soens, AMA. He complimented the staff at Ocotillo Wells SVRA on the wonderful job of confining alcohol and fires to the camping areas. It is now a pleasant experience to use this facility now.

Don Amador, Blue Ribbon Coalition. He asked if it is possible to publish the in-lieu funds so that the public knows who gets what.

John Stewart, CA4WDC. Thanks to Kathy Dolinar and her staff at Ocotillo Wells SVRA for the new regulations regarding alcohol and open fires. Supports archaeological site steward program on both Forest Service and BLM lands. It is a worthwhile effort.

Wayne Todd, CORVA. Expressed appreciation on being able to go on a field trip with Deputy Director Daphne Greene. He thanked the OHMVR Commission for all its hard work.

Karen Schambach, PEER. Concerned that there is not enough money to do adequate law enforcement. Should consider adoption of higher penalties. Commission should adopt a resolution requesting the Legislature introduce legislation to this effect.

Dana Bell, NOHVCC. Supports Karen Schambach's concerns about law enforcement. Feels more effort should be made to get rid of red trails. Also, more emphasize should be put on education.

Bruce Smith, Riverside Sheriff's Dept. Expressed appreciation for past funding in the Riverside County area.

Melanie Tennant, Riverside Sheriff's Dept. Feels more emphasize should be placed on education and also wants to expand riding opportunities in the eastern part of Riverside County.

Eric Outfleet, Madera County Sheriff's Dept. Thanked the OHMVR Commission for providing safe and legal OHV opportunities.

Rich Farrington, U.S. Forest Service. Informed the OHMVR Commission that this year California had the highest number of OHV vehicle sales in the United States.

Linda Hanson, BLM District Management. Thanked the OHMVR Commission for its overall support of OHV usage in BLM land. There were over 300,000 visitors on BLM land on Thanksgiving holiday. There were 1600 citations issued in the Sand Dunes area. Education is very important, as we will continue to see increased usage of public lands.

Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37. He indicated he has been riding in the desert for over 40 years. He feels there should be funds for O & M, equipment, and law enforcement. Feels a corridor should be found from Twenty-nine Palms to open areas.

Dan Matrisciano, Temecula Wine Country Residents. He informed the OHMVR Commission that there is a war going on between the horse and the off-road people. Requests full funding for San Diego and Riverside Counties.

Tom Tammone, CORVA. Appreciates the work done by Spitler and Waldheim as well as all the work done by staff.

John Brissenden, OHMVR Commission. Expressed a concern for the Winter Snow Program introduced at the last Commission meeting and questioned whether there was a need for a policy concerning the program.

Continued with the agenda.

**A. 2004/05 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS
AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

OR-715 – KERN COUNTY SHERIFF OHV ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount Requested: \$481,000. Staff recommended amount: \$155,000.

The following person spoke in support of full funding:
Francis Moore, Kern County Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-715 be approved for \$165,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-675 – IMPERIAL COUNTY SHERIFF, OHV ENFORCEMENT 05

Requested Amount: \$565,000. Staff recommended amount: \$500,000.

The following people spoke in support of full funding:
Harold Carter, Imperial County Sheriff's Dept.
Bob Ham, Imperial County
Harold Soens, AMA/District 38
Neil Hamada, BLM, El Centro FO
Karen Schambach, PEER
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council, Inc.
Kelly Fuller, Desert Survivors

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-675 be approved for \$500,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-701 – CAMPFIRE USA, OHV SCHOOL 05

Amount requested: \$68,000. Staff recommended amount: \$40,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Cindy Szloboda, Camp Fire USA
Tom Walsh, Save our Forests Association
Dottie Hoover, Palo Verde Land
Harold Soens, AMA
Karen Schambach, PEER

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve OR-701 for \$68,000. There was no second.

Commissioner Chavez made the motion and it was seconded that OR-701 be approved for \$48,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-702 – CAMPFIRE USA, COPS 05

Amount requested: \$59,000. Staff recommended amount: \$0

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-702 be approved for zero funding.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-691 – CALIFORNIA CITY POLICE DEPT., OHV ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$221,000. Staff recommended amount: \$100,000.

The following person spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Eric Hurtado, California City Police Dept.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-691 be approved for \$140,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Spitler adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m. for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

**A. 2004/05 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS
AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

OR-2-SW-27 – USFS PACIFIC SW REGION, RES. MGMT. OHV RTE
DESIGNATION 05.

Amount requested: \$2,000,000. Staff recommended amount: \$1,600,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation for three grants:

Rich Farrington, USFS Pacific SW Region
Don Amador, BRC
Nick Haris, AMA
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Dave Pickett, AMA/District 36
Karen Schambach, PEER

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-SW-27 be approved for \$2,000,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-2-SW-26 – USFS PACIFIC SW REGION, OHV COORDINATOR 05

Amount requested: \$795,000. Staff recommended amount: \$420,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-SW-26 be approved for \$420,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-2-SW-25 – USFS, PACIFIC SW REGION, RES. MGMT. MONITORING 05

Amount requested: \$1,867,000. Staff recommended amount: \$966,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-SW-25 be approved for \$995,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-2-A-64 – USFS ANGELES NF, RESTORATION PROGRAM 05

Amount requested: \$67,000. Staff recommended amount: \$67,000.

The following person spoke in support of full funding:

Tom Kaucher, USFS, Saugus

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-A-64 be approved for \$30,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-A-61 – USFS ANGELES NG, O & M 05

Amount requested: \$217,000. Staff recommended amount: \$119,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-A-61 be approved for \$117,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-C-47 – USFS CLEVELAND NF, RESTORATION PROGRAM 05

Amount requested: \$203,000 Staff recommended amount: \$86,000.

The following people spoke in support of funding for two grants:

- Craig Cowie, Cleveland NF, supports full funding
- Karen Schambach, PEER, supports Waldheim recommendation
- John Stewart, CA4WDSC, staff recommendation
- Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council, full amount
- Harold Soens, AMA, staff recommendation

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-C-47 be approved for \$100,000. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-2-C-44 – USFS CLEVELAND NF, O & M 05

Amount requested: \$306,000. Staff recommended amount: \$143,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-C-44 be approved for \$112,000.

Commissioner Chavez made an amended motion and it was seconded that OR-2-C-44 be approved for \$143,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the amended motion. MOTION FAILED with two ayes and four nays.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the original motion in the amount of \$112,000. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-2-I-69 – USFS INYO NF, RESTORATION PROGRAM 05

Amount requested: \$78,000. Staff recommended amount: \$34,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendations for four Inyo NF grants:

- Todd Ellsworth, Inyo NF
- Rick LaBorde, Inyo NF
- Marlene Finley, USFS Regional Office

John Stewart, CA4WDC, staff recommendation
Karen Schambach, PEER, staff recommendation
Don Amador, BRC, staff recommendation

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-I-69 be approved for \$40,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-I-68 – USFS INYO NF, O & M 05

Amount requested: \$241,000. Staff recommended amount: \$94,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-I-68 be approved for \$100,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-I-67 – USFS INYO NF (W), O & M 05

Amount requested: \$123,000. Staff recommended amount: \$0.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-I-67 be approved for zero funding.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-I-66 – USFS INYO NF, ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$161,000. Staff recommended amount: \$70,000.

Commissioner Chavez made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-I-66 be approved for \$70,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-LP-95 – USFS LOS PADRES NF, RESTORATION PROGRAM 05

Amount requested: \$199,000. Staff recommended amount: \$86,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation for four Los Padres NF grants:

Rick Larsen, Los Padres NF
Don Amador, BPC
Tom Kuekes, Los Padres NF
Wayne Todd, CORVA
John Stewart, CA4WDC

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-LP-95 be approved for \$50,000,

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-LP-94 – USFS LOS PADRES NF, ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$319,000. Staff recommended amount: \$128,000.

Chair Spitler made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-LP-94 be approved for \$86,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-LP-93, USFS, LOS PADRES NF, DEVELOPMENT 05

Amount requested: \$21,000. Staff recommended amount: \$0.

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to continue until next meeting the decision on this grant request. The motion was seconded.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-LP-92 – USFS LOS PADRES NF, O & M 05

Amount requested: \$276,000. Staff recommended amount: \$173,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-LP-92 be approved for \$162,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-SB-82 – USFS SAN BERNARDINO NF, O & M 05

Amount requested: \$771,000. Staff recommended amount: \$280,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Chris Evans, San Bernardino NF
Tom Walsh, Save our Forests Association
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Dana Bell, NOHVCC
Lacy Kelly, San Bernardino NF Association
Tom Tammone, CORVA
Dale Johnson, San Bernardino NF Association
Karen McKinley, Los Padres NF

Commission Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-2-SB-82 be approved for \$240,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

Chair Spitler called for a break at 3:10 p.m.

Chair Spitler reconvened the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

OR-1-SW-34 – BLM, NORTH & CENTRAL NON-WILDERNESS REST. 05

Amount requested: \$494,000. Staff recommended amount: \$494,000.

The following people spoke in support:

Jim Weigand, BLM CA State Office
Karen Schambach, PEER

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-SW-34 be approved for \$375,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-1-SW-32 – BLM CA DESERT DISTRICT, RESOURCE3 MGMT. MONITORING OR

Amount requested: \$1,426,000. Staff recommended amount: \$925,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Jim Weigand, BLM CA State Office
Karen Schambach, PEER
Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-SW-32 be approved for \$500,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-1-SW-33 – BLM CA STATE OFFICE, RESOURCE MGMT. ARCH. 05

Put off until the end of the day.

OR-1-SW-31 – BLM DESERT MANAGERS GP, SAFETY EDUCATION 05

Amount requested: \$75,000. Staff recommended amount: \$40,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Dana Bell, Individual
Karen Schambach, PEER
Pat Flanagan, Morongo Basin Conservation Association
Linda Hanson, BLM
John Stewart, CA4WDC

Commissioner Waldheim indicated he didn't feel the Commission should fund the administration of the Desert Tortoise Project, as their meetings are not open to the public.

Commissioner Spitler made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-SW-31 be approved for \$40,000.

Commissioner Chavez made an amended motion and it was seconded that OR-1-SW-31 be approved for \$15,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the amended motion. MOTION FAILED with a tie vote, three to three.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the original motion in the amount of \$40,000. MOTION CARRIED, with four ayes and two nays.

OR-1-SW-30 – BLM CA STATE OFFICE, OHV COORDINATOR 05

Amount requested: \$868,000. Staff recommended amount: \$690,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Jim Keeler, BLM CA State Office
Jim Weigand, BLM CA State Office
John Stewart, CA4WDC

Karen Schambach, PEER

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-SW-30 be approved for \$600,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-1-B-53 – BLM BISHOP FIELD OFFICE, RES. MGMT. TABLELAND RESTORATION 05

Amount requested: \$75,000. Staff recommended amount: \$75,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Richard Williams, BLM Bishop FO
Don Amador, BRC

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-B-53 be approved for \$50,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-1-B-52 – BLM BISHOP FIELD OFFICE, ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$40,000. Staff recommended amount: \$37,000.

Commissioner Chavez made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-B-52 be approved for \$37,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with four ayes and two nays.

OR-1-CD-303 – BLM BARSTOW FIELD OFFICE ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$762,000. Staff recommended amount: \$400,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Roxie Frost, BLM Barstow FO
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-O1-CD-303 be approved for \$185,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-1-CD-302 – BLM BARSTOW FIELD OFFICE, O & M 05

Amount requested: \$549,000. Staff recommended amount: \$300,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-CD-302 be approved for \$365,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-1-CD-309 – BLM CA DESERT DISTRICT, NON-WILDERNESS RESTORATION 05

Amount requested: \$4,134,000. Staff recommended amount: \$1,744,000.

The following people spoke in support:

Jim Weigand, BLM CA State Office
Karen Schambach, PEER
Dave Pickett, AMA/District 36

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-CD-309 be approved for \$2,500,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-1-CD-301 – BLM EL CENTRO FIELD OFFICE, ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$897,000. Staff recommended amount: \$420,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Neil Hamada, BLM El Centro FO
Karen Schambach, PEER
Harold Soens, AMA/District 38

Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Don Amador, BRC
John Bierk, BLM Needles FO
Rich Farrington, USFS

Due to the extensive discussion of law enforcement in the California desert, Commissioner Anderson repeated the request that legislation be proposed to change the DMV code to reflect a higher penalty.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-CD-301 be approved for \$400,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-1-CD-299 – BLM NEEDLES FIELD OFFICE ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$175,000. Staff recommended amount: \$70,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

John Bierk, BLM Needles F.O.
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Karen Schambach, PEER
Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37
Dana Bell, Individual
Terry Weiner, Citizen

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-CD-299 be approved for \$70,000,

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

OR-1-CD-306 – BLM PALM SPRINGS FIELD OFFICE, PLANNING
MECCAPOIA 05

Amount requested: \$806,000. Staff recommended amount: \$105,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

John Kalish, BLM Palm Springs FO
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Pat Flanagan, Morongo Basin Conservation Association
Karen Schambach, PEER

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-CD-306 be approved for \$51,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-1-CD-308 – BLM RIDGECREST FIELD OFFICE, O & M 05

Amount requested: \$583,000. Staff recommended amount: \$325,000.

The following people spoke in support:

Hector Villalobos, BLM Ridgecrest FO
Don Amador, BRC
Karen Schambach, PEER
Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37
John Stewart, CA4WDC

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-CD-308 be approved for \$400,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-1-Y-17 – BLM YUMA FIELD OFFICE, ENFORCEMENT 05

Amount requested: \$29,000, Staff recommended amount: \$18,000.

The following person spoke in support:

Ron Morfin, BLM Yuma FO

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-Y-17 be approved for zero funding.

Commissioner Chavez made an amended motion and it was seconded that OR-1-Y-17 be approved for \$18,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED with four ayes and two nays.

OR-1-SW-33 – BLM CA STATE OFFICE, RESOURCE MGMT. ARCH. 05

Amount requested \$83,000. Staff recommended amount \$83,000.

The following people spoke in support of staff recommendation:

Beth Padon, Discovery Works, Inc.
Jim Keeler, BLM CA State Office
Karen Schambach, PEER
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
Rich Farrington, USFS

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that OR-1-SW-33 be approved for \$43,000.

Commissioner Brissenden made an amended motion and it was seconded that OR-1-SW-33 be approved for \$73,000.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the amended motion. MOTION DIED with a tie vote.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the original motion in the amount of \$43,000. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

B. 2004/05 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

OR-2-SR-25 – USFS SIX RIVERS NF, DEVELOPMENT 05

Amount requested: \$127,000. Staff recommended amount: \$36,000.

Commissioner Waldheim made the motion and it was seconded that this grant request be deferred to the January 2005 meeting.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. RECONSIDERATION OF 2004/05 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

OR-698 – SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARKS, O & M 05

Original amount requested: \$327,000.

Original staff recommended amount: \$220,000.

Original Commission approved: \$149,000.

Commissioner Waldheim requested reconsideration of this grant due to the fact that the applicant indicated they would not be able to keep the park open with the dollar amount originally approved.

The following people spoke in support of keeping this park open, as it will impact usage of Hollister, Clear Creek, and Carnegie:

Dave Pickett, AMA/District 36

Don Amador, BRC

Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37

John Stewart, CA4WDC

After discussion by the Commission members, it decided to not take any action today and put it on the January 2005 agenda.

OR-1-H-10 – BLM HOLLISTER F.O., O & M 05

Original amount requested: \$443,000.

Original staff recommended amount: \$335,000.

Original Commission approved: \$150,000.

Commissioner Waldheim requested reconsideration of this grant. He made the motion and it was seconded to reconsider this grant at the January 2005 meeting.

The following people spoke in support of hearing it at this time:

Don Amador, BRC
Dave Pickett, AMA/District 36
Karen Schambach, PEER
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Dave Oakleaf, AMA/District 37

Commissioner Chavez made an amended motion and it was seconded that an additional \$64,000 be approved for OR-1-H-10.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the amended motion. MOTION FAILED due to a tie vote.

Chair Spitler called for the vote on the original motion to bring back at the January 2005 meeting. MOTION CARRIED with one nay.

APPROVAL OF JOINT COMMITTEE LETTER

Commissioners Chavez and Thomas indicated they did not receive Chair Spitler's letter in response to the questionnaire for information needed by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection in time to make comments.

Chair Spitler stated this item would be heard at the January 2005 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Spitler asked that a motion be made to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Brissenden made the motion and it was seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Anthony I. Perez, Chief
California State Parks
OHMVR Division

Sandra J. Elder
Commission Assistant
OHMVR Division