



## OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 • 4:00pm to 6:00pm

### MEETING LOCATION

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, ODC Pueblo Room  
Clark County Government Center  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89155

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#### 1. Call to Order

Ms. Debbie Burgos, Chair, called the meeting of the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Committee to order at 4:00pm. A quorum was established, the following were present:

PRESENT: Debbie Burgos, *Chair*

Sue Baker	Dave DesMarais	Michael Frye	Donald Jackson
Steve Paxton	Kenny Thatcher	Ross Williams	

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Commissioner James B. Gibson

LEGAL COUNSEL: Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy District Attorney

DAQ STAFF: Marci Henson, Director of Air Quality

Jodi Bechtel, Assistant Director of Air Quality

Kimberley Jenkins, Principal Environmental Specialist

Brianna Holland, Administrative Specialist

#### 2. Public Comment

Mrs. Burgos asked if there were any persons present in the audience wishing to be heard.

- Robert (Bob) Adams, Legislative Officer of Motorcycle Racing Association of Nevada (MRAN), recapped the Committee's efforts and the opposition faced from Friends of Nevada Wilderness in relation to the lands bill. Mr. Adam's thinks that the lands bill has a negative effect on off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreational areas. Mr. Adams suggested there be a study conducted comparing the areas Clark County approves for OHV use compared to the areas BLM says are acceptable.
- Tony Ricco, a resident of Nevada, said that the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) released by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in 2014 depicts about 12,000 acres of disposable land that the County is proposing to turn into area of critical environmental concern (ACEC) through the lands bill; Mr. Ricco expressed opposition to this proposal. Mr. Ricco then proposed that the County designate a Special Improvement District (SID) in Logandale and Moapa Valley to allow for increased OHV use in the area. Mr. Ricco hopes that Clark County keeps the land on the eastside of Moapa Valley open for riding and does not designate the area as an ACEC.

Mrs. Burgos closed the public comment section.

**3. Approve Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2019 (For Possible Action)**

The Committee motioned for the Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2019 to be approved.

**4. Update on Lands Bill (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Henson provided the Committee with an update on the lands bill since the last meeting. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the inclusion of three additional OHV areas in the lands bill – Laughlin, Nelson Hills, and Sandy Valley. Clark County has submitted their draft of the lands bill to the Nevada delegation; the delegation is taking comments submitted by the public. The draft is expected to be amended by the delegation, therefore, Ms. Henson encouraged the Committee, members of the public, and organizations to submit their comments to the delegation outlining the areas they support and those they don't.

Clark County has been in contact with the offices of Senator Cortez-Masto and Congresswoman Susie Lee, both are looking for opportunities to introduce the lands bill.

Ms. Henson said that although the Committee's efforts for this lands bill are complete, there is still work to be done on items the Committee is interested in seeing in future legislation or on items that do not require legislation.

Mr. DesMarais asked if designating Primm as an OHV recreation area (Agenda Item #7) is still possible. Ms. Henson said discussions for designating Primm as an OHV recreation area is not off the table, however, discussions should be tailored towards a future lands bill.

The Committee asked for copies of the lands bill language and map packet submitted to the delegation; County staff have made the lands bill available for public review on the Department of Air Quality's Website; the link will be dispersed to the Committee and interested parties.

**5. Discuss Plan of Action for the Committee on Moving Forward (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Henson mentioned that although the Committee's work is important, the pace and work load stemming from the Committee has hindered County staff from completing other priorities. With the completion of the current lands bill, Ms. Henson suggested the Committee move to a quarterly meeting format instead of monthly as this would give the Committee, and staff, more time to work on vetting items on the Tracking List that are not dependent on current federal legislation.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick agreed with Ms. Henson and reminded the Committee that they are in place for three years; Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked for the Committee's feedback on moving to a quarterly meeting format.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick said she would take Ms. Henson's staff out of the meetings and host them herself alongside Commissioner Gibson. Commissioner Kirkpatrick also stated that she would need help from members of the Committee.

Committee members inquired about possibly voting member(s) off of the Committee who spread misinformation to the public, the Committee came to the conclusion that it was unfair to vote someone off of the Committee if they are absent and don't have the opportunity to voice their side.

Ms. Burgos suggested the Committee meet every other month and cautioned the members to represent the Committee professionally and justly; the Committee motioned to meet every other month.

Ms. Baker, who represents the Nevada Association of Counties on the Nevada OHV Commission, stated that she would like to discuss what the OHV Commission is working on at an upcoming meeting. Ms. Baker also recommended that the Committee apply for grants to fund projects of interest to the Committee and local OHV enthusiasts.

Ms. Burgos recommended members of the Committee refocus their time and effort(s) by reviewing the Tracking List on their own time; by the next meeting the Committee should be ready to re-prioritize and streamline the Tracking List.

**6. Discuss and Authorize Adding to the Tracking List Designation of the Following OHV Recreation Areas Through Federal Legislation (For Possible Action)**

At the last meeting Mr. Frye distributed seven mapped areas (Indian Springs, Glendale, Overton, Moapa, Bunkerville, and 2 areas of Stump Springs) to consider for possible OHV recreation designation. Commissioner Kirkpatrick recommended Mr. Frye set up a private meeting with her to vet the areas she represents (Overton, Moapa, and Bunkerville).

Ms. Henson suggested that Issue Managers vet areas they are interested in seeing designated as OHV by discussing areas with land management agencies such as BLM or the Forest Service.

Mr. DesMarais motioned for the Committee to approve adding the seven mapped areas to the Tracking List, Committee approved (Tracking List Item #21).

Ms. Bechtel said that County staff will provide the Committee with a list of contacts from local land management agencies.

**7. Provide Feedback to the Committee on Possible Areas Vetted for OHV Recreation; Prioritize and Select an Issue Manager for New Tracking List Items (For Possible Action)**

The Committee has had some interest in securing an OHV recreation area north of Primm and in designating a trail system in the Ivanpah Valley.

The County reiterated that OHV recreation in the Ivanpah Valley may not be able to continue indefinitely because of the many competing interests in the area, including land use designations proposed the County in the lands bill; Clark County will support continued OHV use in the Ivanpah Valley until such time that development begins to encroach.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has expressed concerns with OHV use within the proposed Desert Tortoise Protective Corridor ACEC and has stated that continued OHV recreation in this area could result in additional mitigation requirements under the County's Endangered Species Act permit. The USFWS submitted a statement to Ms. Jenkins stating if the County were to support OHV use within the ACEC and not maintain the habitat for the protection of desert tortoises, the County's efforts to obtain an amended permit for development activities within Clark County could be at risk.

The Committee motioned and selected Mr. Freeman as the Issue Manager for designating Primm as an OHV Recreation Area (Tracking List Item #19).

The Committee motioned and selected Mr. Jackson as the Issue Manager for the Ivanpah Trails System (Tracking List Item #20).

**8. Identify Emerging Issues to be Addressed at Future Meetings**

The issues on the Tracking List will be discussed and prioritized at the next meeting.

**9. Public Comment**

Ms. Burgos asked if there were any persons present in the audience wishing to be heard.

- Robert (Bob) Adams, Legislative Officer of MRAN, advised the Committee of his Open Meeting Law Complaint. Mr. Adams suggested maps be available to the Committee before meetings as he supports a transparent government.

**10. Adjourn**

Robert Adams' Public Comment: OHV 7.31.19 Meeting

I can't attend this evening because a lot on my desk due to RTP pre-applications.

MY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

III. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 29, 2019, PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Adams "stated" would be more accurate than Mr. Adams "thinks" as written.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS 1. Re-prioritize Issue Tracking List

Item 4 on page 1 of 7 should be the top priority. The routes are mapped. Now write them into a TMP (Travel Mgmt. Plan). Logandale Trails and the LV Loop Trail should be considered in Item 4.

Robert Adams representing Motorcycle Racing Association of Nevada

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