

REGULATION FOCUS GROUPS 2008

A. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the regulation focus groups is to receive input and comments from individuals and groups associated with OHV recreation in California. This input will help direct the Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (Division) as it proceeds with rulemaking to amend and adopt the grant program regulations pursuant to SB 742.

The format of these sessions is to receive, clarify and understand input from individuals and groups. At this stage of the process, the Division will not evaluate or reach any conclusions about the input received. Following these focus group sessions, the Division will evaluate and consider input from the sessions for the purposes of regulation development, amendment, and program improvement. Further opportunities will follow for public review and input as the regulations are drafted and made available.

B. FORMAT

1. Sessions will be held in Ontario, Sacramento and Fresno. Each session will consist of two days with each day having two topics of discussion, one in the morning and one in the afternoon for a total of four topics over the two days. The four OHV topics will be the four OHV funding categories:

Law Enforcement
Education and Safety
Restoration
Operations and Maintenance

2. For each OHV topic a general assembly of all participants will meet for two hours to share their comments and suggestions on the OHV topic. To assist the process, the Division will suggest sample discussion issues for each OHV topic.
3. Following the general assembly, individuals will breakout into focus groups. The focus groups will further discuss the OHV topic; the focus groups may discuss the comments made during the general assembly or bring up new issues.

Each focus group will select a spokesperson who will report to the general assembly.

C. SCHEDULE

- April 10-11 **Ontario** - Airport Hilton
700 North Haven Avenue
Ontario, CA 91764-4902
(909) 980-0400
- April 15-16 **Sacramento** - Lions Gate Hotel
3410 Westover Street
McClellan, CA 95652
(916) 825-1793
- April 21-22 **Fresno** - Piccadilly Inn
2305 West Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93711
(559) 226-3850

D. AGENDA

- Day 1 9:00 till 1:00 Law Enforcement
 2:00 till 6:00 Education and Safety
- Day 2 9:00 till 1:00 Restoration
 2:00 till 6:00 Operations and Maintenance

E. REGISTRATION

While registration is not required, we encourage you to do so to assist us with planning the logistical needs. To register for any of the three sessions, Ontario, Sacramento, and Fresno, please contact the Division office at telephone (916) 324-4442 or email ohvinfo@parks.ca.gov.

NOTE: You do not have to attend all sessions. For example if your interest is only Law Enforcement, you may choose to only attend the morning of the first day.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process.