OHV Program Updates

March 6, 2023

**2023 OHV Grants:**

* 14 grants awarded, $ 749,981
* Urgent agreements sent for signature, Monthly reimbursements are in progress.
* Agreements with additional information needed are in progress.
* <https://ohv.nv.gov/assets/etc/meetings/SCORED__RANKED_ASTER_2023_OHV_Grant_Scoring_spreadsheet.pdf>

**NAC 490 & EEO 2023-003:**

* We are meeting today to gather public input about regulation changes to NAC 490
* The next step is to prepare a report to NDCNR about recommended reductions to NAC 490 per EEO 2023-003
* The Commission will be asked to approve the report at a public hearing before 4/1/23
	+ Public Hearing requires 15 days’ notice
	+ Proposed hearing 3/30 or 3/31

**OHV Related Legislation:**

* **SB 205**: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9977/Overview>
	+ Proposes to allow for 3 year OHV Registration without changing the fee required for 1 year vs 3 year OHV registration.
	+ Passage would reduce OHV revenue by ~75% based on FY 2022 registration data.
		- <https://ohv.nv.gov/assets/etc/meetings/OHV_FY_22_registrations.pdf>
* **Ab47**: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9576/Overview>
	+ Aims to allow OHV trails to be constructed adjacent to highways.
	+ No present legislation restricts this action, however there are concerns about dust and enforcement of motor vehicle laws that are limited to highways.

**Scoping periods open for various Solar Projects in Pahrump Valley** – NOHVP is serving as a cooperating agency

* Maintain OHV access to trails surrounding proposed closure area.
* Recommend alternatives that produce designated OHV Friendly routes around the Solar Facility. Ensure there is maintenance and signage plan for all closures and reroutes.

**Proposed Meeting Schedule:**

**March 6 –** OHV Commission meeting – solicit public comments for EEO 2023-003

**March 30 –** OHV public hearing (15 days notice) possible action to adopt NAC 490 report to Governor’s office-- \*\* Post Public Hearing

* Possible Site Visits in Las Vegas with Commission
* **Q2 Meeting: April 24 (Project updates, Legislative updates) (before VCGP)**

May: Tonopah & Austin Site Visit – With Comm Eason, Tonopah Staging Area

June: OHV Summer Grants Due

**Q3 Meeting: July 24 – Grant awards**

August/September: Elko, Ely Site Visit – With entire Commission

**Q4 Meeting: Oct  2023  (Project Updates, Site Visits)**

**Jan 2024 –** Grant Awards meeting