



County of Monterey

Item No.2

Parks Commission

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Receive a report regarding a draft ordinance for E-bike and electric transportation use within the County of Monterey parks and open space; and provide comment or recommendations to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Monterey County Parks Commission Receive a report regarding a draft ordinance for E-bike and electric transportation use within the County of Monterey parks and open space; and provide comment or recommendations to staff.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

History of the E-bike discussion and actions taken by the Parks Commission

December 2, 2021 - County of Monterey Parks Commission received a comprehensive informational report regarding the use of electric bikes (E-bikes) within the County of Monterey parks and open space (Attachment A).

December 1, 2022 - Parks staff provided a verbal update on E-bikes and an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to research E-bikes and report back to the full Commission with a recommendation on how to move forward with regulating E-bike use. The Ad Hoc Committee consisted of Commissioners Getzleman, Sanchez and Stracke. Meeting minutes included (Attachment B).

July 7, 2023 - Ad Hoc Committee presented their research including a County-wide survey and provide a recommendation to the full Commission (Attachment C), at which time a robust discussion took place. The Commission was split between regulating only E-bikes or all forms of non-vehicular electric transportation. Consensus was reached with creating a speed limit for all forms of trail use transportation. Parks staff also recommended including a trail etiquette policy that would improve trail safety between various user groups. Parks staff stated they would return with a draft ordinance for consideration.

June 6, 2024 - Draft ordinance presented to Parks Commission for review and comment (Attachment D).

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Attachments:

Attachment A - E-bike staff report, December 1, 2021, carried from November 3, 2021

Attachment B - Parks Commission minutes, December 1, 2022

Attachment C - Ad Hoc Committee report, July 7, 2023

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Attachment D - Draft E-bike ordinance