



County of Monterey

Item No.1

Parks Commission Report

Board of Supervisors
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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/HISTORY:

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 Getzeleman, 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 - The draft ordinance was presented to the Parks Commission for review and comment and a robust discussion ensued. The Commission was split in their consideration regarding E-bike classifications, maximum speed limit and passing speed limit. The Commission advised staff to return at the next meeting with an updated draft ordinance for consideration.

October 3, 2024 - Revised draft ordinance presented to Commission for review and comment (Attachment E).

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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

Attachment D - Draft E-bike ordinance, June 6, 2024

Attachment E - Updated (redline) Draft E-bike ordinance