

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (MMWD)
E-BIKES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the E-Bikes Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting held in the Warehouse on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 220 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera, California.

This meeting was noticed as a special meeting to allow Board members to attend. In attendance were Board members: Larry Bragman and Jack Gibson. Staff members in attendance: Shaun Horne, Watershed Resources Manager, Don Wick, Watershed Chief Ranger, Crystal Yezman, Facilities and Watershed Division Manager and Jeanne Mariani-Belding, Communications and Public Affairs Manager.

CAC Members present: Bill Abright, Ellie Cohen, Nona Dennis, Robert Eichstaedt, Jonathan Frieman, Gail MacMillan, Robert Mittelstaedt, Debbie Raphael, Sierra Salin, and Peter Whittlesey.

The meeting began at 6pm and was facilitated by Sam Magill, Senior Facilitator at the Consensus and Collaboration Program at Sacramento State University.

Questions and Comments

The CAC asked Shaun and staff to send “fresh” emails with new information and dates as the long email threads get very confusing. This suggestion was noted for future communications.

Schedule for the next meetings

Sam reviewed the schedule for the next seven meetings.

Tonight’s meeting of October 7, 2019 will discuss E-bike technology and jurisdictional issues.

The November 12th meeting will discuss the physical, natural, cultural and social environment of Mt. Tamalpais.

The December 10th meeting will continue discussions about E bike user’s vs. recreational groups and their relationships on the Watershed and potential impacts to each other.

The January 14th meeting will discuss safety issues associated with E-bikes.

The February 11th meeting will cover regulations, enforcement protocols and educational opportunities.

March 10th meeting will have discussions of pros and cons and discussions to generate recommendations to present to the MMWD Board.

April 14th meeting will review final report and conclusion of the process.

Additional topics may be added later.

Schedule Presentation: Overview of E-Bike Regulations Presentation: E-Bike

Don reviewed the MMWD regulations stating MMWD is treating the E-Bike as a motor driven cycle which is prohibited on the Watershed, but will make exceptions for ADA riders as a mobility device. If the E-bike is just for recreation, riders are educated to the MMWD regulations and the rider will be turned away.

Don provided information as to how other land management agencies are addressing the use of E-bike usage on their properties. The CAC members and attendees received a hand-out providing this detailed information.

A brief discussion spoke to the jurisdiction and use of E-bikes on regional lands and parks.

Technology

Brian Cleveland, a Technical Product Specialist with BOSCH E-Bike Systems trains and educates bike dealers about E-Bikes and the various wide varieties of E-Bikes on the market. He described how an E-Bike works from displays, styles, to batteries and chargers. Brian explained the classes of E-Bikes; Class I pedal assist to 20 miles per hour, Class II pedal assist with throttle (no speed given) and Class III pedal assist has a speed up to 28 miles per hour. Classification rules are set by individual states in the United States.

Brian suggested looking into how European countries use E-Bikes since the E-Bike technology and use is so new in North America. Brian spoke about different batteries used on E-Bikes and the various degrees of safety requirements.

The CAC thanked Brian for his presentation.

Public Comment

There were six public comments. Plus a question read by Sam about batteries, which Brian addressed.

Outcome Review and Next Steps

Shaun asked the CAC to read Board Policy Number 7 before the next meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

No Board action was taken during the meeting.

Future Meeting Items

E-Bike demonstrations

Permits for rental companies

Environmental Impacts

Discuss Google sheets

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of October 7, 2019 was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.