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To: Fax to Marin Water Dist .for forwarding to each individual member od the board.
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MARIN Water dist. ==Board of Directors ==General Manager. B. Shorestein.

MAIL TRANSMISSION TO:

Larry Bragman, Jack Gibson, Cynthia Koehler, Larry Russell , Monty Schmitt.

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The most consistent comment heard the Marin County, always arrives with the bill. In the January February 2021 addition of their paper titled “on the waterfront”, they again go into a long dissertation on how fast a water shortage is developing. Conserve is the word of the day. They even go so far as to tell you how to conduct your ablutions. That is serious teaching. We have no idea how much water it might

save, but we have made the same suggestion, for the past eight or 10 years, with droughts occurring with regularity, Marin County should install a desalinization program, as has been done by other cities along the Pacific Ocean in California. They are made to operate with solar energy, or electric energy depending upon the program chosen. This would guarantee a backup water source for the Marin water district. It would also eliminate the need for a contract with Santa Rosa to supply water if the Marin district is short on supply. Santa Rosa would be short at exactly the same time and could exercise its right of refusal to deliver water. That is not much of the gain for the Marin water department. Most droughts encompass a rather wide geographical area, not adjacent counties.

Will they listen, we doubted it, they never have in the past. Had They had started this program 10 years ago it would've been done at lower cost and avoided the constant threat of water shortages, and rationing of water, regularly experienced. Apparently they prefer, to pay you to take out your grass and give you a dollar for every square foot of lawn that is replaced, with plants.

No one wants a future plan, to be developed and accomplished. Too much we have been told. Every time because of conservation, less water used, less revenue, for the district, and the story just repeats and repeats. the water price is raised.

**The supervisors all predict a raising ocean, can desalinization reduce the level= is that a target?
It would possibly prohibit the ocean from raising up here in Mill Valley, resulting in my not getting, not having my property become "beach front property" but we realize a sacrifice is necessary.**

-----Original Message-----

From: Basics Environmental <basicsenvironmental@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 2:47 PM

To: Board Comment <boardcomment@marinwater.org>

Subject: Please allow "class I" e-bikes on fire roads within the district's 22,000-acre Mt. Tam watershed

Dear sirs:

As a mountain biker for over 30 years, I believe the MMWD should allow "class I" e-bikes on fire roads within the district's 22,000-acre Mt. Tam watershed.

From my experience on the trails:

I have never seen any evidence to show ebikes having conflicts with others using the trails.

I have never seen any evidence to show ebikes cause environmental damage to the watershed.

I have never seen any evidence to show ebikes lead to more accidents.

I have never seen any evidence to show ebikes causing a fire from the e-bike batteries.

However, I have seen uncourteous regular mountain bikers, horseback riders and hikers as well. Laws against trail use speed are already on the books and those people need to be cited and banned.

As I have become older, I have recently been using a Class I electric mountain bike and can say I do not ride nearly as fast as I did when I was younger on a regular mountain bike. In addition, ebikes go the same speed as a regular bike on the downhills so speed is no different than a regular bike.

The issue is not to disallow mountain biking and put bikers, horseback riders and hikers against each other, but rather how we can all coexist to enjoy the lands.

As such, I believe the proposal set forth by the MMWD seems reasonable at this time.

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