

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT  
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Security Reports

## ITEM 6b

### Speeding Electric Bikes

There are two issues of safety with the increase of electric bikes in the community:

- Young riders/passengers without helmets and all exceeding the 15 MPH speed limit

***Below is the memo that was issued to Security back in October and again this month:***

#### CALIFORNIA HELMET LAW

The law in California treats E-bikes the same as human-powered bicycles and requires ALL riders under the age of 18 to wear a helmet with the chin strap buckled in place. This includes passengers on the bike and anyone riding in an attached carrier seat or trailer if under the age of 18.

#### POSTED SPEED LIMIT – 15 MPH

All the classes of E-bikes (Classes 1, 2, 3) are capable of exceeding the 15 MPH speed limit with minimal effort by the rider – some are pedal-assisted and some are simply a scaled-down version of a motorcycle, with a throttle control and capable of 30 MPH.

#### INTERVENTION PROCEDURE BY PATROL OFFICERS

- Watch for E-bikes while on patrol
- Gate attendant should notify patrol when they observe E-bikes entering or leaving the Road
- Look for young riders not wearing helmets or any E-bike exceeding 15 MPH
- Try to identify the riders (may have to follow to the parents' house) – DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS of kids
- Talk to the parents about the Helmet Law and Speed Limit and that the police will be called if the violations continue
- WRITE UP AN INCIDENT REPORT for every observed violation with as much info as possible so management can follow up on the incident/violation with secondary intervention

#### INTERVENTION BY GATE OFFICERS (with incoming guests and renters, etc)

- When a vehicle arrives at the gate with E-bikes on the rack or being ridden, inform the driver that the District enforces the Helmet Law and the posted Speed Limit. Log the address in your daily report then notify the duty patrol officer, and also the Security Supervisor, and the District Manager so everyone is on notice and can more effectively follow up with violators and their parents.

Homeowners are encouraged to notify District Security when you experience dangerous e-bike activity which will support the efforts listed above in deterring the hazardous actions by the mostly-young kids who are careless and are speeding up and down the road.

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