

California Native Plant Society

South Coast Chapter

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City Council – Rancho Palos Verdes

I am writing to ask that the council rescind its approval of electric bikes in the preserves. Already, I have seen erosion of trails and hillsides from bike activity. Electric bikes are heavier than non-motorized bikes and will lead to even more erosion. This will have a lasting negative impact on the habitat. Approval of these bikes goes against what the Preserve stands for: Protection and preservation of habitat and wildlife

I have had the terrifying experience of having mountain bike riders flying down the trail and having to jump out of the way to avoid being hit by them. I have seen horses spooked on the trail by mountain bikes zooming down hills. E-bikes are heavier and faster than conventional bikes which will only exacerbate the problem.

Our preserves are a treasure. They provide opportunity for our residents and visitors alike to get away from the bustle of the city. This yields health benefits to people and increases the property values of our homes. Please protect our treasure and keep motorized bikes out of the preserves.

Sincerely



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