

DATE: October 18, 2019
TO: Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council
FROM: Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6: Discussion Regarding Motorized Vehicle Use Restrictions in Bolinas Lagoon

RECOMMENDATION

Convene a subcommittee to draft letter to the Marin County Open Space Board of Directors recommending revised restrictions to motorized vehicle use in Bolinas Lagoon.

DISCUSSION

At the October 10, 2018 BLAC meeting, an agenda item was raised to discuss the use of various motorized craft within the lagoon, which had increased recently within specific areas where excessive speed can result in hazardous conditions. During this discussion, Parks staff reported that under current Open Space District Code, a speed limit of five miles per hour is already established in the lagoon area. After hearing this information, BLAC members decided that no vote on this item would be required, and requested that Marin County Parks develop new signage for the lagoon area stating “5 MPH - No Wake”, and that the council be able to review the signs before they are installed. Signs will be installed in a limited number of locations around the lagoon.

At the May 3, 2019 BLAC meeting, an agenda item was raised to select specific signage graphics and determine locations for installation. During this discussion a request was made by the BLAC members to agendize a discussion at the next meeting of current motorized vehicle use in the Lagoon and possible future expansion of prohibitions. It was requested that an action item resulting from this discussion would be that a subcommittee of the BLAC membership convene to draft a letter to the Marin County Open Space Board of Directors recommending revised restrictions for motorized vehicles in the Lagoon.