

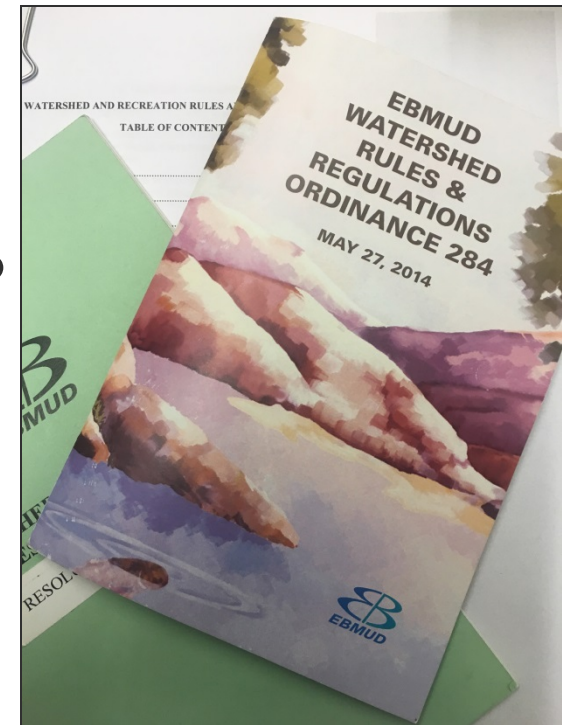
# **Proposed Revisions to Watershed Rules and Regulations**

Planning Committee  
November 13, 2018

# Outline



- Overview of EBMUD Watershed Rules & Regulations
- Discuss the review process
- Review key proposed changes
- Identify next steps



# Watershed Rules and Regulations - Overview



- Watershed Rules & Regulations govern activities for East Bay and Mokelumne Watersheds.
- Used by Rangers and Law Enforcement to protect District resources and promote a safe, positive recreational experience.
- Typically reviewed and updated every five years, more frequently if needed.
- Last update took place in May, 2014.

# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Update Process



- Proposed changes result from:
  - New Board direction, such as an updated Master Plan
  - Suggestions by users, staff, or law enforcement
  - New legislation or regulation
- Reviewed internally and presented for Board input and consideration
- After approval by Board:
  - Summary of changes and link to the full document is posted in local newspapers
  - Updated Rules & Regulations distributed to cooperating agencies and posted in recreation areas with new brochures printed for the public

# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Key Changes



- Smoking Prohibitions
- Prohibiting Glass Containers along Camanche Shoreline
- Lifting prohibition on Bicycles on some trails

# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Key Changes



- Smoking Changes:

*It shall be unlawful to:*

- To smoke on East Bay Area watershed lands or reservoirs except in areas designated and posted “Smoking Permitted”.
- To smoke on Mokelumne Area watershed lands or reservoirs except in permitted campsites and paved parking lots, and other areas designated and posted “Smoking Permitted”.

# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Key Changes



- Reasons for Smoking Prohibitions:
  - Respond to user input for consistency with other recreation venues regionally, and with concerns regarding contact with second-hand smoke.
  - Reduce overall litter and cleanup expenses, including litter in reservoirs and waterways.



# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Key Changes



- EBMUD will join East Bay Regional Park District and another 210 Municipalities in California that have enacted laws to make their parks or portions thereof “Smoke Free”.
- Smoking restrictions apply to tobacco products, vaping as well as to recreational and medical marijuana.



# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Key Changes



The East Bay Regional Park District  
is now

# SMOKE FREE



Smoking or vaping of any substance is  
not allowed anywhere in the parks,  
except in overnight campsites.

Ordinance 38.

Need help quitting?  
Call 1-800-NOBUTTS  
or visit [www.nobutts.org](http://www.nobutts.org)

East Bay   
Regional Park District  
[www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Key Changes



- Prohibiting Glass Containers:

*It shall be unlawful to:*

- To bring any glass bottle or glass container into any Camanche Day Use area where swimming is allowed, any area below the high water mark of Camanche Reservoir that is not defined as a campsite, or any other area at any facility that has been posted “No Glass”.
- Rangers respond to 70-90 medical aids annually and of these, there are usually 2-3 foot injuries caused by broken glass below the waterline. We suspect that there are many more that go unreported.

# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Key Changes



- Bicycles allowed on certain trails:

*It shall be unlawful*

- To operate any bicycle or similar conveyance on any watershed trail **except as specifically provided on the Pinole Valley Multi-Use Trail and the Eagle's Nest Multi-Use Trail in the East Bay Watershed.**
- To leave the designated watershed trails, to leave trail gates open, or to disturb, molest or interfere with livestock or wildlife within any watershed. **In areas approved for such use, bicycles shall not leave the improved portion of the trail.**



# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Key Changes



A bicyclist enjoying the Pinole Valley Multi-Use Trail.



# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Other Changes



- Modifying unreasonable noise regulation, Section 3.02:

*It shall be unlawful*

- To engage in conduct or use **or broadcast** any threatening, abusive, boisterous, loud, insulting, indecent **or explicit** language or gesture that unreasonably and unnecessarily impairs the lawful use and enjoyment of a watershed by other persons or impairs the ability of the District's or Concessionaire's employees to perform their authorized duties.

# Watershed Rules and Regulations – Other Changes



- Prohibit vessels mooring overnight on Camanche Reservoir without permit.

*It shall be unlawful*

- To beach or moor a vessel to any shoreline overnight without a valid boat mooring buoy permit, nightly boat launch permit or campsite permit. Campsite permits allow for beaching or mooring only to shoreline areas immediately adjacent to the rented site.

# Watershed Rules and Regulations



- Next Steps
  - Incorporate Planning Committee feedback into final suggested updates.
  - Board of Directors scheduled to consider approval of updated Watershed Rules and Regulations on December 11, 2018.