

# Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Measure FF



## On the November 8, 2016 ballot only in the Santa Monica Mountains hillside communities of Woodland Hills, Tarzana, and Encino

### Measure FF will allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to:

- ✓ Improve fire prevention services in the hills and canyons and along Mulholland
- ✓ Establish new high fire alert patrols and improve dry brush clearing, including removal of drought-stricken trees
- ✓ Increase targeted Park Ranger Patrol along Dirt Mulholland trailheads to prevent crime
- ✓ Protect and enhance wildlife corridors to ensure wildlife can survive
- ✓ Acquire open space to prevent development, more traffic, and loss of scenic views

The five-year California drought has caused extreme fire danger in the Santa Monica Mountains, putting every canyon and hillside at risk of devastating fire. Measure FF will improve fire prevention services including more crews to clear dry brush and drought-stricken trees.

Use of all the trails along the Dirt Mulholland Corridor have increased exponentially. Measure FF will put more MRCA park rangers on targeted patrol, to keep the corridor safe.

Land values in the area have risen almost 50 percent since 2012. Open space lots once considered unbuildable are now being developed-risking wildlife corridors and habitat linkages essential to support wildlife. Measure FF will give MRCA resources to protect wildlife habitat from development at one of the most critical junctures in history.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is the only public agency responsible for acquiring, maintaining, and protecting local space, and wildlife corridors within the Santa Monica Mountains. Unlike a municipal agency, the MRCA does not have dedicated funding to respond to conditions like drought and increasing pressure on the local environment. For \$15 per year, Measure FF will give the MRCA resources it needs to protect local open space and improve local fire prevention services.

100% of the funds generated by Measure FF can only be spent in the Santa Monica Mountains hillside areas of Woodland Hills, Tarzana, and Encino. A citizens' oversight committee and annual audits will ensure this.

