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## **Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Withdraws Support of Proposition S**

LOS ANGELES (February 15, 2017) – The Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) voted today at a special meeting to rescind its previous support for Los Angeles City Measure S. Citing the unanimous vote by the Los Angeles City Council last week to require the Planning Department and City Attorney to draft an ordinance that mandates key provisions of the City planning system be updated, the MRCA Board retracted its earlier position on Measure S.

“Councilman Paul Koretz was vital in instigating immediate action to advance long range planning reforms in the City like those promoted by Measure S that will update Community Plans and General Plan elements on a timely and consistent basis,” said MRCA Executive Officer Joseph T. Edmiston.

The MRCA is frequently engaged in land use decisions in the City which impact natural systems, watersheds, viewsheds, and passive recreational opportunities including in the Mulholland Corridor, Chatsworth, and the Verdugo Hills and adjacent to the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. Its goal is to ensure environmental protections and public benefit.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is a local public park agency dedicated to the preservation and management of open space, urban parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat. The MRCA manages more than 73,000 acres of public parkland and provides natural resources and scientific expertise, critical regional planning services, operations, fire prevention and ranger services, as well as education and leadership programs for thousands of youth each year. It is one of the lead agencies revitalizing the Los Angeles River and its tributaries.

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