



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center & Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-five, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065
Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: January 7, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the establishment of and appointments to the Community Facilities District No. 1 citizens' oversight committee.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) adopt a resolution authorizing the establishment of and appointments to the Community Facilities District No. 1 citizens' oversight committee.

Background:

On August 7, 2012 the Governing Board established Community Facilities District No. 1 (CFD No. 1) for the purpose of funding open space protection and fire prevention by imposing a special tax on all taxable developed real property within the East Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills Area. Also on August 7, 2012, the Governing Board ordered a special tax election (Measure HH) for November 6, 2012 to receive voter-approval of the CFD No. 1 and levy of the special tax.

On November 6, 2012 the Measure HH was approved by the qualified registered voters within the boundaries of CFD No. 1 by receiving 76.18% support.

The special tax proceeds are used for the purpose of open space, parkland and wildlife corridor maintenance and preservation, fire prevention and park ranger safety and security services in the East Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills Area and to fund the acquisition of additional open space in this area and incidental costs. The special tax was approved for ten years and will generate approximately \$681,000 per year.

Pursuant to the special tax report, which governs the administration of CFD No. 1, the Governing Board is charged with appointing a citizens' oversight committee which will review and report annually on the expenditure of revenues from the CFD.

This resolution will formally establish the oversight committee for CFD No. 1 and appoint three individual property owners within the boundaries of the CFD. A slate of proposed members will be presented under separate cover.