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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 4, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XVIII: Consideration of ordinance levying special taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection)**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board ("Board") of the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority ("MRCA") introduce the attached Ordinance ordering the levy of special taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection). Adoption of the Ordinance requires a first reading at one Board meeting and formal adoption at a second meeting.

Background: On August 3, 2016, the Board established Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 ("CFD No. 2016-1") 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 3, 2016, the Board ordered a special tax election ("Measure GG") for November 8, 2016 to receive voter- approval of the CFD No. 2016-1 and levy of the special tax.

On November 8, 2016, the Measure GG was approved by the qualified registered voters within the boundaries CFD No. 2016-1 by receiving 83.68% support.

The special tax proceeds will be 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, to fund the acquisition of additional open space in this area, and for incidental costs. The special tax was approved for ten years and will generate approximately \$995,000 per year.

With the approval of this Ordinance, the Board authorizes the levy of the special tax at the maximum rate of \$35 per parcel per year on all taxable developed real property within CFD No. 2016-1 for a period not to exceed 10 years.

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The special tax shall be levied and collected by the County of Los Angeles Tax Collector in the same manner, shall be subject to the same penalties and the same lien priority, and the same procedure and sale for delinquency, as for ad valorem taxes.