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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 1, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII: Waiver of second reading and consideration of ordinance levying special taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board ("Board") of the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority ("MRCA") adopt the attached Ordinance ordering the levy of special taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection).

Background: On August 3, 2016, the Board established Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 ("CFD No. 2016-2") for the purpose of funding open space protection and fire prevention by imposing a special tax on all taxable developed real property within the Woodland Hills, Encino and Tarzana Hillside Areas. Also on August 3, 2016, the Board ordered a special tax election ("Measure FF") for November 8, 2016 to receive voter- approval of the CFD No. 2016-2 and levy of the special tax.

On November 8, 2016, the Measure FF was approved by the qualified registered voters within the boundaries CFD No. 2016-2 by receiving 76.99% 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 Woodland Hills, Encino and Tarzana Hillside Areas, 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 \$241,000 per year.

Adoption of the Ordinance requires a first reading at one Board meeting and formal adoption at a second meeting. The first reading of the Ordinance was completed at the January 4, 2017 Board meeting. With the approval of this Ordinance, the Board authorizes the levy of the special tax at the maximum rate of \$15 per parcel

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on all taxable developed real property within CFD No. 2016-2 for a period not to exceed 10 years.

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.