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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 5, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(k): Consideration of resolution ordering levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 within Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection)**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution ordering levy of special taxes for fiscal year 2017-2018 within Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Fire Prevention, Wildlife Corridor and Open Space Protection)

Background: On August 3, 2016 the Governing Board established Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 for the purpose of funding fire prevention, wildlife corridors and open space protection 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 Governing Board ordered a special tax election (Measure GG) for November 8, 2016 to receive voter-approval of CFD No. 2016-1 and levy of the special tax.

On November 8, 2016 Measure GG was approved by the qualified registered voters within the boundaries of 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 and to fund the acquisition of additional open space in this area and incidental costs. With approval of this Resolution, the Governing Board authorizes the levy of the special tax at the maximum rate of \$35 per parcel on all taxable developed real property within CFD No. 2016-1 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

The special tax shall be levied and collected by the County 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.