



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 26, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(h): Consideration of resolution combining and ordering collection of special taxes for Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 with Community Facilities District No. 1.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution combining and ordering collection of special taxes for Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 with Community Facilities District No. 1.

Background: on August 7, 2012, the Governing Board (the "Board") of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (the "MRCA") adopted Resolution No. 12-100, establishing Community Facilities District No. 1 ("CFD No. 1"), under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code (the "Act"), for the purpose of funding open space protection and fire prevention ("Facilities") by imposing a special tax on all taxable developed real property within the East Santa Monica Mountains / Hollywood Hills Area (the "CFD No. 1 Special Tax").

On August 7, 2012, the Board adopted Resolution No. 12-101 ordering an election for November 6, 2012 on levying Special Taxes on taxable developed real property within CFD No. 1 and on November 6, 2012, the election ("Measure HH") on the levy of Special Taxes within CFD No. 1 was approved by the voters, receiving 76.18% support.

The required notice of special tax lien for CFD No. 1 was recorded in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder on January 23, 2013 and on April 3, 2013, the Board subsequent to the election, adopted Resolution No. 13-48, which certified the results of the election; declared CFD No. 1 to be fully formed with the authority to levy the special tax, and declared that all prior proceedings and actions taken by the Board were valid and in conformity with the Act. Direct assessment account number 068.53 was established with Los Angeles County for collection of CFD No. 1 Special Tax on the property tax bills.

On August 3, 2016, the Governing Board (the "Board") of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (the "MRCA") adopted Resolution No. 16-142, establishing Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 ("CFD No. 2016-1"), under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code (the "Act"), for the purpose of funding fire prevention, wildlife corridor and open space protection ("Facilities") by imposing a special tax on all taxable developed real property within the East Santa Monica Mountains / Hollywood Hills Area (the "CFD No. 2016-1 Special Tax").

On August 3, 2016, the Board adopted Resolution No. 16-143 ordering an election for November 8, 2016 on levying Special Taxes on taxable developed real property within CFD No. 2016-1 and on November 8, 2016, the election ("Measure GG") on the levy of Special Taxes within CFD No. 2016-1 was approved by the voters, receiving 83.68% support.

The required notice of special tax lien for CFD No. 2016-1 was recorded in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder on January 13, 2017 and on January 4, 2017, the Board, subsequent to the election, adopted Resolution No. 2017-14, which certified the results of the election; declared CFD No. 2016-1 to be fully formed with the authority to levy the special tax; and declared that all prior proceedings and actions taken by the Board were valid and in conformity with the Act.

CFD No. 1 and CFD No. 2016-1 special taxes are imposed on taxable developed real property within the East Santa Monica Mountains / Hollywood Hills Area. Los Angeles County charges service fees for processing and collecting taxes per line item and direct assessment account. In order to reduce Los Angeles County service fees for processing and collecting taxes, the resolution would direct MRCA or its designee to combine CFD No. 1 and CFD No. 2016-1 special taxes per parcel for placement on the property tax bills under the direct assessment account established for CFD No. 1, direct assessment account number 068.53. After collection by the County, the net amount of the special taxes, after deduction of any compensation due the County for collection, shall be paid to MRCA. The MRCA shall cause the proceeds of collected funds to be held in special funds and accounted for separately.