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## Support for MRCA Acceptance and Temporary Management of Chino Hills State Park Adjacent Properties Agenda Items VI(j),VIII, and IX

Dear Governing Board Members:

The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was created over twenty five years ago to provide for the proper planning, conservation, environmental protection and maintenance of the habitat and wildlife corridor between the Whittier Puente Hills, Chino Hills and the Cleveland National Forest in the Santa Ana Mountains.

At its January 20, 2021 the WCCA Governing Board authorized a support letter to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acceptance of three no-cost acquisitions adjacent to Chino Hills State Park. They are represented by items VI(j), VII, and VIII on the MRCA's February 3, 2021 agenda.

These acquisitions are all a high priority to the State Park system. They include 80 acres next to existing MRCA land, 320 acres a short distance to the north, and an approximately 9.4-acre donation on the western side of the State Park. The non-profits that have put these deals together have included management funding. The MRCA can play a critical role in the protection of additional State Park lands until the State Park system can absorb them. We further extend our thanks for the MRCA's July 2020 acquisition of 320 acres also adjacent to CHSP.

Sincerely,

Glenn Parker Chairperson