

# SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

*A PUBLIC ENTITY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXERCISING JOINT POWERS OF THE CITY OF SANTA  
CLARITA AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTION 6500 ET SEQ.*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board



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

**DATE:** February 4, 2021

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item V: Consideration of a Park Ordinance (Ordinance) Establishing Park Rules and Regulations and Prescribing the Punishment for Violation Thereof, as duly adopted by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), on properties owned and managed by the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (SCWRCA) and waiver of second reading.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board complete the second reading and adopt "a Park Ordinance Establishing Park Rules and Regulations and Prescribing the Punishment for Violation Thereof (Ordinance), as duly adopted by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) on properties owned and managed by the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (SCWRCA) and take the necessary steps to advance the Ordinance in accordance with Government Code §§ 36931-36937.

### Legislative Authority:

Public Resources Code Section 5782.21 provides, in part, as follows:

Districts may adopt and enforce all rules, regulations, ordinances, and bylaws necessary for the administration of government, and protection of the property, improvements, and facilities under the management or belonging to the district.

Government Code Section 53069.4 provides, in part, as follows:

The legislative body of a local agency, as the term "local agency" is defined in Section 54951, may by ordinance make any violation of any ordinance enacted by the local agency subject to an administrative fine or penalty. The local agency shall set forth by ordinance the administrative procedures that shall govern the imposition, enforcement, collection, and administrative review by the local agency of those administrative fines or penalties.

Public Resources Code Section 5786.17(c) provides, in part, as follows:

To protect property and to preserve the peace at recreational facilities and other property owned or managed by the district, the Board of Directors may confer on designated uniformed district employees the power to issue citations for misdemeanor and infraction violations of state law, city or county ordinances, or District rules, regulations, or ordinances.

Background: On December 3, 2020, the Governing board introduced, discussed and voted to approve the first reading of the Ordinance and set the second reading for February 4, 2021. This item is the second reading of the Ordinance. An affirmative vote on this agenda item will adopt the MRCA's Park Ordinance establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof, and allow MRCA Rangers, under contract with SCWRCA, to provide patrol and enforcement of the Ordinance on properties owned and managed by SCWRCA.

Following adoption, an ordinance must be published as required by the Government Code and will take effect thirty days after final passage.

A full and complete copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto.