



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: June 2, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the addition of APN 2075-027-010 in Acquisition Area F (Woodland Hills) and APNs 4416-008-033, 4422-033-011, and 4431-022-003 in Acquisition Area H (Pacific Palisades) to the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 2 Engineer's Report, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the addition of APN 2075-027-010 in Acquisition Area F (Woodland Hills) and APNs 4416-008-033, 4422-033-011, and 4431-022-003 in Acquisition Area H (Pacific Palisades) to the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 2 Engineer's Report, Los Angeles.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has reserved four tax defaulted parcels (APNs 5565-025-002, 5565-026-022, 5570-012-016, and 5570-012-023) for purchase from the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector. These parcels are included in either Chapter 8 Agreement Number 2286 or 2358. The Citizens Oversight Committee of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2 adopted a resolution recommending that the MRCA add the parcels to the District No. 2 Engineer's Report at its April 13, 2004 meeting.

The parcels were not included in the District No. 2 Engineer's Report. However, the low cost to acquire these parcels warrant that they be added to the Engineer's Report.

The attached table lists the properties reserved by the MRCA, their respective Chapter 8 agreement number, the cost of each parcel, number of acres, jurisdiction, and a brief note to identify their location. Each parcel is shown in the accompanying set of maps. The maps show the relationship between the parcels and the surrounding land.

APN 2075-027-010 is located in Woodland Hills south of Fallbrook Avenue. The parcel is part of a small habitat patch that extends northward from the Cerrillos Drive habitat block, where the District has already funded the acquisition of five properties. This parcel will provide permanent open space to the northwestern-most corner of the District at a very low cost. The parcel comprises 0.38 acres for a price of \$5,124.

APN 4416-008-033 is located along Posetano Road in the Castellammare area of Pacific Palisades. The parcel is south-facing and is located near two large blocks of parcels on the Engineer's Report. The parcel comprises 0.09 acres for a total price of \$1,378.

APN 4422-033-011 is located immediately south of Department of Water and Power land near Topanga State Park and Will Rodgers State Historic Park. The parcel is part of the large core habitat block of Topanga State Park that provides excellent habitat for wildlife. The parcel comprises 13.80 acres for a total price of \$87,975.

APN 4431-022-003 is located in the Palisades Highlands adjacent to Topanga State Park. The parcel is part of the large core habitat block of Topanga State Park that provides excellent habitat for wildlife. The parcel comprises 13.80 acres for a total price of \$87,975.

It is expected that the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector will send the bill to acquire the parcels as soon as three months for the first two parcels and eight months for the later two parcels. The MRCA will then have 14 days to pay the bill once it is received.