



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: February 2, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to enter into a project agreement for the Soka University project area, unincorporated Calabasas area**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to enter into a project agreement for the Soka University project area, unincorporated Calabasas area.

Background: At its June 14, 2004 meeting, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy added the Soka University site to both its Proposition A Workprogram and over all Acquisition Workprogram. The Soka University project site totals 588 acres. The portion to be acquired by the MRCA will be approximately 406 acres. The proposed action is necessary for the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to allow the MRCA to proceed with entering into a project agreement for Prop A. The proposed authorization will allow the MRCA to enter into a project agreement both for Proposition A 1996 Advance Funds and Proposition A Big 5 3rd District Excess Funds.