



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: July 6, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of Proposition 50 funds for acquisition of surplus property owned by Los Angeles County in the Sylvia Park, Garapito Canyon and Hillside Drive areas of Topanga Canyon.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy acquisition of surplus property owned by Los Angeles County in the Sylvia Park, Garapito Canyon and Hillside Drive areas of Topanga Canyon.

Background: At its April 25, 2005 meeting, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) authorized a grant to the MRCA of Proposition 50 funds for acquisition of approximately 62 acres of surplus property owned by Los Angeles County in the Sylvia Park, Garapito Canyon and Hillside Drive areas of Topanga Canyon. The MRCA submitted a grant application in the amount of \$110,000 to the Conservancy for funding from Proposition 50 to purchase the 18 properties.

On June 16, 2005, the Office of the Attorney General found that the grant was proper under the General Obligation Bond Law and Proposition 12. The ability to acquire 62 acres in one of the premier watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains at a cost of approximately \$1,600 per acre is an excellent opportunity. The parcels are integral to the Topanga Canyon watershed and to the protection of water quality and quantity in Topanga Creek.