

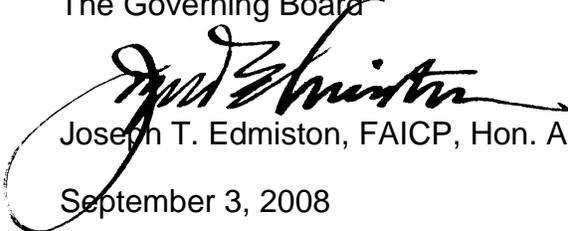


# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 3, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(c): Consideration of resolution adding APNs 4371-027-011, 4371-027-018, 4371-038-009, and 4380-028-006 to the Final Engineer's Report, and using Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 funds to acquire said parcels, Beverly Glen, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution adding APNs 4371-027-011, 4371-027-018, 4371-038-009, and 4380-028-006 to the Final Engineer's Report, and using Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 funds to acquire said parcels in Beverly Glen.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) commonly enters into Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire tax defaulted properties. The MRCA has acquired over 1,500 acres through this process.

The County Treasurer and Tax Collector has provided an Agreement to sign. Chapter 8 Agreement Number 2607 contains four parcels totaling 0.30 acres in Beverly Glen. In order for the County Treasurer and Tax Collector to finalize these agreements, the MRCA must provide a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the parcel. The proposed action provides the Treasurer and Tax Collector with the authorization they need to continue processing an agreement.

The table below includes the parcels, sizes, general location, and current cost to the MRCA. The cost estimate is projected through October 2008. Unfortunately, the cost of the parcels increases substantially every year as penalties and back taxes increase. That rate of increase is approximately 1.5 percent per month, for a total of 18 percent annually. A brief description of the parcel follows along with attached aerial photograph with the parcel boundaries.

Acquisition, addition, and funding of the parcels was approved by the Citizen's Oversight Committee of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 on March 12, 2008.

**Agreement Number 2607**

<b>APN</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Price</b>
4371-027-011	0.06	Beverly Glen	\$1,913
4371-027-018	0.12	Beverly Glen	\$2,588
4371-038-009	0.06	Beverly Glen	\$1,702
4380-028-006	0.06	Beverly Glen	\$1,303
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0.30</b>		<b>\$7,506</b>

**Beverly Glen**

These acquisitions are part of an ongoing acquisition strategy to maintain large uninterrupted blocks of habitat on both sides of Beverly Glen Canyon. These parcels work in concert with the 50-plus parcels the MRCA hopes to soon acquire from the City of Los Angeles.

The attached resolution authorizes up to \$13,000 for acquisition to allow for fees, acquisition expenses, and because the County may take over a year to complete the Agreement.

All of these parcels are located on paper streets in existing neighborhoods of Beverly Glen. Some of the parcels require brushing, only if brushing is required on adjacent private lands that to date never has been.