

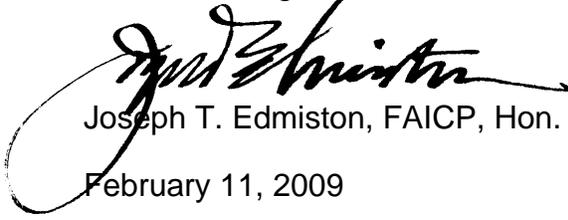


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 11, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an offer to dedicate a trail easement and an offer to dedicate open space easement, Trancas Town Ltd./5-91-754 (portion of APN 4470-012-045), west of Trancas Canyon, Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of an offer to dedicate a trail easement and an offer to dedicate open space easement, Trancas Town Ltd./5-91-754 (portion of Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 4470-012-045), west of Trancas Canyon, Malibu.

Background: The conditions for coastal development permit number 5-91-754 included an offer to dedicate an easement for open space, habitat, and view protection and an offer to dedicate a public access trails easement over Trancas Canyon Trail. The 29.67-acre property (APN 4470-012-045) is located adjacent to and west of Trancas Canyon Road (see attached exhibits). The open space easement covers roughly ½ of the parcel, and is comprised of three polygons. The offer to dedicate trail easement covers a width ranging from 12 feet to 20 feet wide. This item was considered and approved by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) at its August 26, 1999 meeting. Since the Conservancy has not accepted the offers to dedicate, it is appropriate for Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to accept such offers.

The subject property supports a U.S. Geological Survey blue-line stream, which is considered an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area in the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program (LCP). The proposed Trancas Canyon Park is located to the northeast of the subject parcel. Trancas Canyon Trail is identified coursing on the property according to the LCP.