



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 6, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the donation of an approximately 0.09-acre parcel (APN 4434-034-001), unincorporated Topanga Canyon.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of the donation of an approximately 0.09-acre parcel (APN 4434-034-001), unincorporated Topanga Canyon.

Background: The subject 0.09-acre property is located in Topanga Canyon, northeast of Altaridge Drive. It sits on a north-facing slope, next to 0.92 acres of existing public open space, and less than one quarter-mile south of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy-owned Summit Valley-Ed Edelman Park. There are four MRCA-owned parcels in the vicinity (see attached aerial photo). There is currently no road access to the property, although County of Los Angeles Assessor maps show paper streets named Briza Way and Callado Way touching the parcel. One hundred percent of the property supports coast live oak woodland habitat. The property is part of a several-hundred acre contiguous habitat block that provides habitat connectivity between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and the Henry Ridge area. The property was inspected by the MRCA Chief Ranger, whose report stated that there is no brushing obligation.