



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 5, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of open space dedication of an approximately 5.6-acre portion of Lot C, Tract 48312 (APN 2061-015-008), and signing of a covenant and agreement by offsite property owner regarding drainage acceptance from Tract 48312 and release of liability, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of the open space dedication of an approximately 5.6-acre portion of Lot C, Tract 48312 (APN 2061-015-008), and signing of a covenant and agreement by offsite property owner regarding drainage acceptance from Tract 48312 and release of liability, in the City of Agoura Hills.

Background: The subject 5.6-acre open space dedication is located in Liberty Canyon, south of Agoura Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection of Agoura Road and Liberty Canyon Road. The pending dedication is adjacent to a 400-acre MRCA-owned property and an ongoing 2-acre MRCA oak tree habitat restoration actually funded by the subject project. (See attached aerial maps.) One hundred percent of the property to be dedicated supports either oak woodland or purple sage-dominated coastal sage scrub habitat. There is no MRCA brushing obligation as stated in section 2.06 (d) of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservation of Easements for Agoura II - Tract No. 48312.

A requirement for acceptance of this dedication is that the MRCA sign a covenant and agreement by offsite property owner accepting stormwater drainage from Tract No. 48312 and release of liability along a tributary of Liberty Canyon Creek. Stormwater drainage from this tract historically has flowed into this tributary. The County Watershed Protection Division requires this agreement to allow a project to release flows from a constrained channel into a natural channel.