



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 12, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of acquisition funds from the County of Los Angeles and authorizing the acquisition of approximately 197 acres, APNs 2052-011-034, 2052-011-039, 2052-011-041, 2052-012-015 and 2052-012-016, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board authorize the acquisition and acceptance of the acquisition funds from the County of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject property (map attached hereto) has been part of the SEA since the late 1980s. It is located within the headwaters of Malibu Creek and is one of the top 25 rated acquisitions on the workprogram of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. It is located adjacent to a National Park Service dedication. Acquisition of the property will protect a prominent viewshed.

The property contains no known adverse physical conditions and requires nominal brushing.

The acquisition is being funded by the County of Los Angeles from the landfill fund. Closing costs are being funded by a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.