



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 7, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APNs 2172-025-012, 013, and 060, resulting from the vacation of a 20-foot wide public walk by the City of Los Angeles, adjacent to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy-owned Serrania Ridge section of Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park, Woodland Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution amending resolutions 08-42 and 08-57 and authorizing the acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APNs 2172-025-012, 013, and 060, resulting from the vacation of a 20-foot wide public walk by the City of Los Angeles, adjacent to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy-owned Serrania Ridge section of Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park in Woodland Hills.

Background: This action amends a previous action to accept conservation easements over some of the subject parcels (see attached staff report from April 2, 2008). Further staff collaboration with the applicant has clarified and expanded the proposed conservation easements to encompass the three subject parcels shown in the attached map (APNs 2172-025-012, 013, and 60). Final negotiations resulted in an easement covering portions of the applicant's front and back yards, the majority of the vacated walk easement adjacent to the applicant's parcels, and the entirety of the vacated walk easement adjacent to the applicant's southern neighbor's parcel.

The action will eliminate a public nuisance road providing illegal access to Conservancy property. The applicant has agreed in writing to perform all brush clearance required on Conservancy property from the construction of his house at his expense.

Conservancy resolution 08-33 conditionally authorizes the vacation. Once the proposed conservation easements are recorded, the Conservancy will consent to the vacation of the public right-of-way adjacent to its parkland, allowing the applicant

to construct a driveway on a portion of the vacated walk. The applicant will fund all expenses.

The benefits of the proposed action are the blocking of access to a dumping site, protection of private land, and full protection of public land with no brushing obligation.