

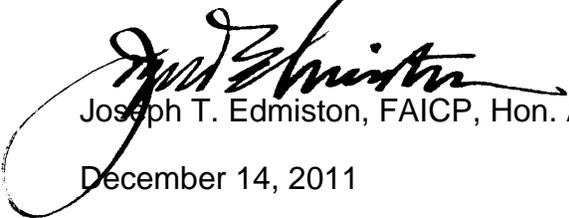


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 14, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of four parcels APNs 2813-023-044, 2813-023-045, 2813-023-046, 2813-023-047 totaling 3.96 acres in an unnamed Mint Canyon tributary of the Santa Clara River, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of four parcels APNs 2813-023-044, 2813-023-045, 2813-023-046, 2813-023-047 totaling 3.96 acres in an unnamed Mint Canyon tributary of the Santa Clara River in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The owner of the subject four contiguous parcels has offered to donate them to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The parcels are located in the western arm of the Angeles Linkage Conceptual Area Protection Plan that is designed to implement one of the critical regional habitat linkages defined by the South Coast Wildlands project. This linkage connects the two portions of the Angeles National Forest that are located on either side of State Route 14. The four parcels are situated between two MRCA-owned parcels acquired through Chapter 8 sales. Based on aerial photographs the parcels support high quality chaparral and mixed grassland habitat. The terrain also supports a small drainage. The parcels should not require any maintenance costs due to their remoteness.