



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: June 26, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IV(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to use Proposition A Excess Funds to acquire properties in Chapter 8 Agreement number 2469 in portions of the Antelope Valley.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to use Proposition A Excess Funds to acquire three additional properties (APN's 3236-023-017, 3240-008-012, and 3250-001-009) in Chapter 8 Agreement number 2469 in portions of the Antelope Valley.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) commonly enters into Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire tax defaulted properties. The acquisition of tax defaulted lands is an effective tool to add to public open space holdings at a minimal cost. Staff selects parcels with strong ecological value at a low per acre cost. Proximity to existing protected lands is preferred but often is not possible in pursuing the agency's goals. Small clusters, or even broken chains, of open space often lead to much larger habitat blocks over time.

The parcels contained in the subject Chapter 8 Agreement are all located in unincorporated portion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County. Agreement 2469 contains 16 parcels. The 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisorial office supports the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's use of 5<sup>th</sup> District "Big Five" Proposition A Excess Funds for open space properties throughout the District. The proposed properties would be acquired with a combination of Excess Funds and geographically restricted in lieu mitigation funds. In order to keep the acquisition process moving with the Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, it is imperative to submit a signed MRCA resolution with the signed Chapter 8 Agreement.

The majority of parcels in this Agreement were approved in an action by the Governing Board in May of 2006 (Resolution 06-72), but three parcels were missing

from the resolution. APN's 3236-023-017, 3240-008-012, and 3250-001-009 are addressed in the attached resolution.

A table for the agreement follows with details for each subject parcel. The full complement of 3 parcels currently costs \$45,487 plus about \$3,000 in fees. Unfortunately that cost goes up approximately 1.5 percent a month so time is of the essence. An aerial photograph showing each parcel is also attached.

**Agreement Number 2469**

<b>APN</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Price</b>
3236-023-017	5.0	Palmdale/ Myrick Cyn./ Fairmont Reservoir adjacent	\$25,126
3240-008-012	9.27	Palmdale	\$12,507
3240-017-003	142.42	Palmdale	\$7,854
<b>Totals</b>	<b>156.69</b>		<b>\$45,487</b>