

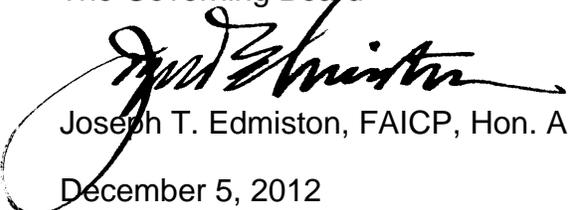


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 5, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 2017-014-011, 2017-014-012, 2017-014-013, 2017-014-014, 2017-014-015, 2017-014-016, 2017-014-018, and 2017-014-019 totaling 1.14 acres and paying back taxes with in-lieu mitigation fees, Dayton Canyon area of West Hills, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 2017-014-011, 2017-014-012, 2017-014-013, 2017-014-014, 2017-014-015, 2017-014-016, 2017-014-018, and 2017-014-019 totaling 1.14 acres and paying back taxes with in-lieu mitigation fees in the Dayton Canyon area of the Simi Hills.

Background: At the October 2011 Los Angeles County Tax Auction the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) acquired three small properties along a USGS blueline tributary of Dayton Creek in the Simi Hills. The attached map shows these three protected parcels and eight parcels that have been proposed to be donated if a large portion of the back taxes (approximately \$6,000) are paid.

The parcels abut a 270-acre open space dedication that the MRCA finally expects to receive in 2013. The associated Los Angeles City project was approved over ten years ago. A well used trail connects these parcels to this 270 acres. A second attached map shows the relationship between the property and the 270 acres and the Chatsworth Nature Preserve.

For less than \$6,000 of back taxes these properties would provide strong public benefits.