



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing 1) application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A Funding to acquire approximately 6.28-acre parcel APN 4448-018-018 (1809 Tuna Canyon Road), adjacent Rocky Ledge, 2) entering into a Project Agreement, and 3) authorizing acquisition of said parcel in the Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing 1) an application to the Los Angeles County Regional park and Open Space District for Proposition A Funding to acquire an approximately 6.28-acre parcel APN 4448-018-018 (1809 Tuna Canyon Road), 2) entering into a project agreement with the County of Los Angeles, and 3) authorizing the acquisition of said parcel in the Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The subject 6.28-acre property is bordered on the south by Dix Canyon Creek, a blueline stream, and bordered on the north by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) 20.66-acre Rocky Ledge property, acquired in January, 2011. (See attached maps.)

The property owner has recently indicated a willingness to sell. The funding for this acquisition would consist of private donations from the The Rocky Ledge Preservation Team, the County's Third Supervisorial District and the MRCA. The proposed funding package to be provided by the MRCA includes up to \$56,000 of Proposition A funding, in addition to Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds (CHIMF) and Proposition 62 funding.

Use of CHIMF and Proposition 62 funding are addressed under separate agenda items. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy pre-approved the use of CHIMF funding for this project on June 3, 2013 (resolution No. 13-42).

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A group of local community members have been pushing for the MRCA to acquire this property for more than a year. The acquisition of the subject property by the MRCA is strongly supported by the local community. If the acquisition is completed, the MRCA would be the fee simple property owner and the management entity.

Price and terms will be discussed in closed session.