



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 2, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing the application to and entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the acquisition of the 703-acre Puerco Canyon Property, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the application to and entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the acquisition of the 703-acre Puerco Canyon property in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Background: The subject 703-acre property occupies the headwaters of Puerco Canyon and parts of Corral and Malibu Canyons above Santa Monica Bay. The attached map shows the subject 24 parcel ownership and its proximity to a plethora of parkland ownerships, including a 2,000-foot-long interface with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) upper Corral Canyon Park. The ownership is critical to the Coastal Slope Trail.

The MRCA acquisition is proposed to be funded with a combination of State sources and Los Angeles County Proposition A funds. The proposed action authorizes both applying to the County for said funds and entering into a Project Agreement with the Regional Park and Open Space District to use said funds to acquire this unique coastal Santa Monica Mountains ownership.

