



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 7, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(I): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APN 694-0-181-500 totaling 33.96 acres in the Carlisle Creek watershed, unincorporated Ventura County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of a 33.96-acre parcel (APN 694-0-181-500) in the Carlisle Creek watershed.

Background: The subject 34-acre property lies in the Carlisle Canyon watershed just west of National Park Service holdings that are part of Circle X Ranch. The parcel elevation ranges from 1400 to 2200 feet. Most of the property supports chaparral on a south-facing slope. The remainder includes a rocky mountain peak and a rocky north-facing area with dense chaparral. The property has the highest priority ranking on the National Park Service's *Land Protection Plan*. The nearest house is over 230 feet away. In all respects the property provides core habitat qualities, and it is a key parcel within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). The long time owner is interested in donating the parcel. An aerial photograph of the property is attached.