



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 2, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of 1.2 acres (APNs: 4221-024-907, 4221-024-908, 4221-024-909, 4221-024-910) from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of 1.2 acres (APNs: 4221-024-907, 4221-024-908, 4221-024-909, 4221-024-910) from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority.

Background: The subject 1.2-acre property was purchased by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) in 2008 with funding from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) and Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District Proposition A for the purpose of creating a new multiple-benefit natural park. The property is located at 12500 Milton Street and is directly adjacent to the existing and well-used Ballona Creek bike path in the City of Los Angeles.

MRCA staff has been working with BHRCA, BHC, State Coastal Conservancy, City and County of Los Angeles, the community and other project partners to create the park since 2008. Construction is expected to begin in August 2014. MRCA previously made a maintenance commitment for the park as part of securing grant funding for the capital improvements. The majority of the site will be planted with low-maintenance species and the built improvements are strictly limited to gabion walls, paths, a gateway, and a small deck with an overhead trellis.

BHRCA was established in order to acquire, expand, and improve open space, natural habitat, and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills and other natural recreational areas within the Second Supervisorial District. However, BHRCA is not equipped to operate and maintain such land. Once the park is constructed, MRCA will be responsible for the maintenance and operations of the park. At its June 10, 2014 meeting, the BHRCA Board authorized the transfer of this property to the MRCA.