

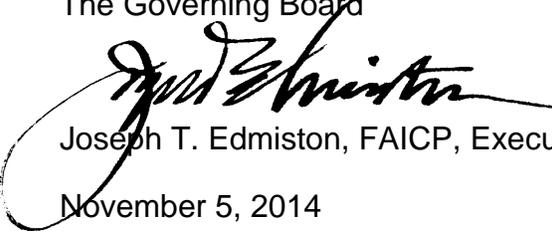


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: November 5, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 4448-029-026, 027, and 028, and the expenditure of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to partially fund one or more of said donation parcels, Las Flores Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of APNs 4448-029-026, 027, and 028, and the expenditure of up to \$50,000 Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to partially fund a bargain sale of one or more of said donation parcels, Las Flores Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The subject parcels (APNs 4448-029-026, 027, and 028), totaling 5.85 acres, abut Las Flores Canyon Road, and are across from and south of Tuna Canyon Park owned by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The parcels are part of the east-west habitat linkage that links Las Flores Canyon to Carbon Canyon. Currently, the MRCA is in the process of acquiring an 8.05-acre parcel of the same ownership that abuts subject APNs 4448-029-026 and 028 for the Coastal Slope Trail alignment.

The subject parcels provide a key part of the Las Flores Canyon viewshed. The subject parcels can also provide contingency alignment alternatives for the Coastal Slope Trail, which is located north of the subject parcels. See the attached map for the context of the parcels relative to Coastal Slope Trail and Tuna Canyon Park.

The MRCA has the opportunity to accept the potential donation of all three subject parcels. As part of the negotiation to acquire the 8.05-acre parcel, staff has agreed to consider offering a cash contribution of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) if the owners donated the three remaining parcels. The source of funding would come from the MRCA's Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy must approve the MRCA's use of the Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund for these parcels at its December 8, 2014 meeting. The donations must close by December 31, 2014.