



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XII: Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the acquisition of APN 2064-006-001 (approximately 0.27 acres), Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, for the acquisition of APN 2064-006-001.

Background: The small subject parcel (see attached map) that is wedged between Agoura Road and the 101 freeway corridor has long been an acquisition target to augment the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor. It has been owned by the local Morrison family for decades. Staff is working towards an acquisition with the family, but no deal has been struck. The property contains a heritage sized valley oak tree, the edge of a Liberty Canyon tributary, and non-native grassland with scattered shrubs and sapling oak trees. It abuts Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority property to the east.

This parcel is a critical component to the creation of the proposed wildlife bridge crossing in Liberty Canyon. Timing coordination with the seller dictates that a source other than Proposition 1 funding may be necessary to complete this regionally significant acquisition.

MRCA resolution 15-162 from the October 7, 2015 meeting authorized acquisition of this parcel.