



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: October 19, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of funds to acquire properties in Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Chapter 8 Agreements 2731 and 2732, South Pasadena and east Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 funds not to exceed \$120,000 to acquire properties in Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Chapter 8 Agreements in South Pasadena and eastern Los Angeles.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has entered into many Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire tax defaulted properties and acquired over 1,500 acres through this process.

Staff pulled seven parcels from the 2015A county auction in September 2015. The Los Angeles County Tax Collector's Office issued Chapter 8 Agreements 2731 and 2732 to the MRCA. A brief description of the parcels follows along with attached aerial photographs that show the parcel boundaries. The MRCA must be able to pay for the properties within 14 days of being issued a Notice to Pay from the County. That notice is expected within the next two months. The properties meet the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's objectives of securing open space in the Northeast Hilltops east of Interstate 5 and the Griffith Park to El Pueblo Corridor.

Chapter 8 Agreement 2731 contains APNs 5308-020-016 and 5308-020-021 in the City of South Pasadena portion of Elephant Hill. These parcels contain oak woodland, grassland, coastal sage scrub and chaparral vegetation elements.

Chapter 8 Agreement 2732 contains five parcels (APNs 5307-008-014, 5443-33-018, 5460-015-028, 5462-009-012, and 5460-015-029) located in Elephant Hill, Glassell Park, and the Elysian Park area. APN 5443-33-018 is a key parcel to keep Elysian Park biologically connected to Griffith Park.