



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Governing Board  
**FROM:**  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 11, 2006

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item VII(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District using Proposition A 3rd Supervisorial District Excess Funds to acquire properties in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement numbers 2357, 2285, and 2367 to acquire properties in the Topanga Creek and Malibu Creek watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District using Proposition A 3rd Supervisorial District Excess Funds to acquire properties in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement numbers 2357, 2285, and 2367 to acquire properties in the Topanga Creek and Malibu Creek watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Background: The parcels contained in these three Agreements add to the ongoing acquisition of parcels that create wildlife corridors and habitat linkages throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. Some of these parcels contain streams or riparian areas suitable for future restoration projects.

Chapter 8 Agreement number 2357 contains 7 parcels. Chapter 8 Agreement number 2285 contains 1 parcel. Chapter 8 Agreement number 2367 contains 1 parcel. These 9 parcels are located in Topanga Canyon and Cold Canyon preserve. The single parcel in 2285 has been entirely funded by a private party and will not be mentioned any further.

A table with parcel details and maps are included.

**Agreement Number 2357**

APN	Acreage	Location	Price
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4434-004-018	4.99	Adjacent to Summit Valley	\$63,422
4440-012-004	0.16	Topanga Canyon	\$3,698
4441-005-011	0.14	Western edge of Topanga SP	\$3,441
4455-007-003	0.32	Near red Rock	\$2,377
4455-031-003	0.08	Near Stokes Cyn & Las Virgenes	\$1,721
4455-032-006	0.11	Near Stokes Cyn & Las Virgenes	\$1,862
4455-032-019	0.06	Near Stokes Cyn & Las Virgenes	\$1,824
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.7</b>		<b>\$78,345</b>

**Agreement Number 2367**

<b>APN</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Price</b>
4455-007-006	0.50	Just S of Zuniga	\$3,408
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.50</b>		<b>\$3,408</b>

**Topanga Canyon**

The parcels in the Topanga Canyon area, including Topanga Canyon State Park, add to the habitat linkages and wildlife corridors that the MRCA is continually expanding.

**Malibu Canyon**

The parcels near Stokes Canyon Rd. are close to King Gillette Ranch and are near numerous properties in other pending Chapter 8 Agreements

