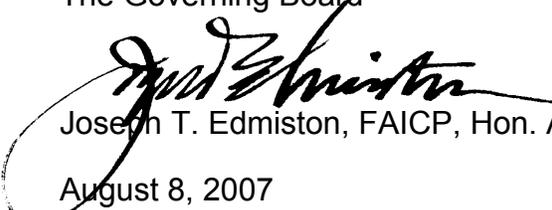


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 8, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of a resolution authorizing acquisition of an option to purchase approximately 24 acres located adjacent to Ramirez Canyon Park, APNs 4467-002-042,044 and 060, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acquisition of an option to purchase approximately 24 acres located adjacent to Ramirez Canyon Park, APNs 4467-002-042, 044, 060, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 *et seq* of the Government Code.

Background: The parcels contain important coastal habitat and are adjacent to protected public parkland owned by the National Park Service and by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The parcels are within the watershed of Ramirez Creek which flows directly into the Santa Monica Bay. The acquisition of the three parcels would protect coastal watershed and land resources and will facilitate an important link in the Coastal Slope Trail. The property provides and promotes access to and enjoyment of coastal resources of the state by providing vehicular access from Kanan Dume Road to Ramirez Canyon Park and by closing a significant gap in the Coastal Slope Trail.