



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 7, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) acquisition of parcel 5608-010-001 in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement 2572 using public, private, and in-lieu-fee mitigation funds; (b) acceptance of funds, and (c) transfer of said property to the City of Burbank.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) acquisition of parcel 5608-010-001 in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement 2572 using public, private, and in-lieu-fee mitigation funds; (b) acceptance of funds, and (c) transfer of said property to the City of Burbank.

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

The County has provided an Agreement to sign. Chapter 8 Agreement Number 2572 contains one parcel totaling 3.96 acres in the City of Burbank. In order for the County Treasurer and Tax Collector to finalize these agreements, the MRCA must provide a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the parcels.

The Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collectors office has issued a letter stating that this Agreement, along with others, must be completed and returned to their offices by October 30, 2007. MRCA staff has arranged an extension to November 8, 2007. Any parcels that are not approved for acquisition will be put back on the tax list for the next auction to be available for public purchase. Staff will provide the Treasurer and Tax Collectors office with the signed Agreements on November 8, 2007.

**Agreement Number 2572**

<b>APN</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Price</b>
5608-010-001	3.96	Skyline Drive- northeast Burbank	\$105,597

The table above details the parcel, its size, general location, and current cost to the MRCA. This cost estimate does not include the fees that could be as much as \$3,000, bringing the total cost to the area to \$109,000. The cost estimate is projected through November 2007. Unfortunately, the cost of the parcel increases substantially every year as penalties and back taxes increase. That rate of increase is approximately 1.5 percent per month. An attached aerial photograph shows the parcel boundaries.

The parcel is adjacent to Wildwood Park and Brand Park in the Verdugo Mountains. It is a south facing slope with moderately dense vegetation cover. It maintains the park viewshed and contains a gap in a local trail.

Staff has not received feedback from the City of Burbank. If the City does not express adequate interest prior to the Treasurer and Tax Collectors deadline, then the parcel will be dropped and return to the public auction pool.