



# 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 XIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) the acquisition of trail and conservation easements over portions of APNs 4467-002-041, 4465-004-070 and 4465-004-071 in Ramirez Canyon totaling approximately seven acres; (b) acceptance of public and private funding for said acquisitions; (c) acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 4465-004-71, and (d) use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund funding, unincorporated Malibu area. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Sparky Greene. Under consideration: terms and price.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) the acquisition of trail and conservation easements over portions of APNs 4467-002-041, 4465-004-070 and 4465-004-071 in Ramirez Canyon totaling approximately seven acres; (b) acceptance of public and private funding for said acquisitions; (c) acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 4465-004-71, and (d) use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund funding.

Background: The owners of the subject three parcels in Ramirez Canyon have been a creative and cooperative partner in working on a solution to bring the Coastal Slope Trail alignment up the east slope of Ramirez Canyon Park and National Park Service property to the Escondido Canyon ridgeline. The acquisition of trail and conservation easements on their parcels is critical for a quality trail and trail experience. The proposed action would authorize acquiring combination trail and conservation easements over portions of the three subject parcels. The applicant may donate a second conservation easement over a portion of APN 4465-004-71. The exact easement boundaries may differ from the attached figure but will be supported by appraised values.

The funding for the easements will be a combination of the MRCA's Proposition 50 grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the Coastal Slope Trail, the MRCA administered Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund, Proposition A funds, and potentially Los Angeles County Proposition 62 funds.

