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MRCA Receives Donation of 20 Acres of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space In Woodland Hills

Woodland Hills, CA (July 24, 2020) - The MRCA announced today that it had acquired 20 acres of open space adjacent to its 1,500-acre Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park in the Santa Monica Mountains. The new public open space was donated by a local family who had owned the property for many decades. Located south of the unpaved portion of Mulholland Drive and west of Santa Maria Road above Woodland Hills, the back country property is part of a key cluster of public land in the 20,000-acre undeveloped urban wilderness known as the "Big Wild" extending from the 405 Freeway to Topanga Canyon. The land's permanent protection will extend connectivity and habitat for local wildlife between Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park and the MRCA's Summit Valley Ed Edelman Park.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a local government public entity dedicated to the preservation and management of open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat. The MRCA works in cooperation with other government partners to acquire parkland, participate in vital planning processes, provide natural resources and scientific expertise, and complete major park improvement projects. The MRCA manages and provides ranger services and fire protection for almost 75,000 acres of parkland that it owns and that are owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy or other agencies and provides comprehensive education and interpretation and leadership programs for youth. It is one of the lead agencies providing for the revitalization of the Los Angeles River.

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