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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 2, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution retroactively authorizing the acquisition of APN 5466-010-013 near Heidelberg Park using funds from SMM-0809, Mount Washington area, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution retroactively authorizing the acquisition of APN 5466-010-013 near Heidelberg Park using funds from SMM-0809, Mount Washington area, City of Los Angeles.

Background: Grant SMM-0809 is a Proposition 50 grant awarded to the MRCA from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. SMM-0809 provides for the acquisition of tax defaulted parcels in specific portions of the Northeast Los Angeles hilltop areas, including Mount Washington. Acquisition of APN 5466-010-013 expands a public block of open space which already contains MRCA-owned Heidelberg Park and a parcel owned by the City of Los Angeles.

The most recent Los Angeles County public auction was in mid-October last year. At that auction, parcel 5466-010-013 was purchased for \$8,856.90 using these grant funds. The parcel is within one of the defined target polygons identified within the scope of SMM-0809.

The proposed action would retroactively approve the use of SMM-0809 grant funds to purchase APN 5466-010-013. Fair market value of properties is essentially established at the auction with the bidding process or by sale for just the minimum bid (back taxes). Title is cleared by the auction process.

The parcel requires no additional maintenance costs.