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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 11, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District Excess Funds for Santa Monica Mountains trail property acquisitions.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District Excess Funds for Santa Monica Mountains trail property acquisitions.

Background: Third Supervisorial District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky has announced a third Competitive Natural Land for Trails Grant Program. The grants will only fund the acquisition of land interests that are consistent with the Trails Component of the Los Angeles County General Plan (Trails Master Plan). The maximum grant award is \$500,000. Applications are due on or before February 1, 2012.

The attached resolution authorizes the MRCA to apply for any combination of the three following projects for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000. The first project is to acquire the ownership that includes both the Trails Master Plan and revised alignments for the portion of the Coastal Slope Trail in east Corral and Puerco Canyons. The second project is for parcels with portions of the Calabasas Topanga Connector Trail between Old Topanga Canyon Road and Summit Valley-Ed Edelman Park. The third project is to acquire parcels between Marvin Braude - Mulholland Gateway Park and Summit Valley-Ed Edelman Park that encompass portions of the Topanga - Henry Ridge Trail to Serrania Park and/or the Santa Maria Canyon Loop. Aerial photos of the subject acquisition areas are attached. The trail alignments shown on each map are derived from the County's 1980's mapping and can be considered approximate. The final parcels included in the application or applications will be narrowed down through additional research prior to the required grant submission.

A local public agency exercising joint powers of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation & Park District, and the Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District pursuant to Section 6500 et seq. of the Government Code.