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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 14, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a request to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to expand the project agreement for Grant No. 58L2-07-2132, Summit-to-Summit/Henry Ridge Motorway Parcel Acquisition to include APNs 2080-013-001, 003, 007 and 008; and 4436-023-002, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a request to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to expand the project agreement for Grant No. 58L2-07-2132, Summit-to-Summit/Henry Ridge Motorway Parcel Acquisition to include APNs 2080-013-001, 003, 007 and 008; and 4436-023-002.

Background: In June 2007, the MRCA entered into the subject Project Agreement for the use of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space Excess Funds for the acquisition of of natural land for the preservation and maintenance of a connecting trail between Summit-to-Summit Motorway and Henry Ridge Motorway, consistent with the Los Angeles County Trails Master Plan. It was subsequently amended with and additional grant amoutn for the same purpose. In December 2010, the MRCA acquired the approximately 100-acre Semet property (consisting of 10 individual parcels) using part of these grant funds. Approximately \$575,000 in funds remain from this grant. The acquisition of the five additional subject parcels is important to secure further trail right-of-way by the MRCA's new 100-acre holding.

In 2012, the MRCA applied for a new County Regional Park and Open Space trail grant to acquire four of the same five subject parcels that would connect Dry Canyon Creek Park to the Semet property, and the Semet property to Summit Valley - Ed Edelman Park. The funds from the subject grant would be used to match the funds of the new grant. The acquisition of these parcels and/or trail rights would allow the implementation of continuous trail access amongst the Semet property, Dry Canyon Creek Park, and Summit Valley - Ed Edelman Park.