MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 2017-014-011, 2017-014-012, 2017-014-013, 2017-014-014, 2017-014-015, 2017-014-016, 2017-014-018, and 2017-014-019 totaling 1.14 acres and paying back taxes with in-lieu mitigation fees, Dayton Canyon area of West Hills, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 2017-014-011, 2017-014-012, 2017-014-013, 2017-014-014, 2017-014-015, 2017-014-016, 2017-014-018, and 2017-014-019 totaling 1.14 acres and paying back taxes with in-lieu mitigation fees in the Dayton Canyon area of the Simi Hills.

Background: At the October 2011 Los Angeles County Tax Auction the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) acquired three small properties along a USGS blueline tributary of Dayton Creek in the Simi Hills. The attached map shows these three protected parcels and eight parcels that have been proposed to be donated if a large portion of the back taxes (approximately $6,000) are paid.

The parcels abut a 270-acre open space dedication that the MRCA finally expects to receive in 2013. The associated Los Angeles City project was approved over ten years ago. At well used trail connects these parcels to this 270 acres. An second attached map shows the relationship between the property and the 270 acres and the Chatsworth Nature Preserve.

For less than $6,000 of back taxes these properties would provide strong public benefits.