



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 5, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIV: Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under the Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the Malibu Creek Acquisition Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under the Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the Malibu Creek Acquisition Project.

Background: The subject grant is necessary to help complete the final phase of the multi-agency Malibu Creek Conservation Project. The National Park Service (NPS) acquired the first phase in March 2011 with the acquisition of approximately 160 acres; this second and final phase will acquire approximately 47.5 acres. The completed acquisition of this Malibu Creek property would consolidate public ownership in one of the premiere scenic coastal canyon watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains.

The Malibu Creek property in question is surrounded by NPS, MRCA and State Park parklands and sits within the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

With regard to the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, the Malibu Creek Acquisition Project falls under the category of Resource Lands Projects.