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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 6, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 2063-004-023, 024 and 025 totaling approximately 525 acres in the Triunfo Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County and entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for said parcels.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 2063-004-023, 024 and 025 totaling approximately 525 acres in the Triunfo Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County and entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for said parcels.

Background: The subject 525-acre ownership is located on the southern face of Ladyface mountain forming part of the headwaters of Triunfo Creek, a tributary to Malibu Creek. The property spans over 1.5 miles and connects the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) Triunfo Canyon Park property to Kanan Dume Road. It also abuts several large Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and MRCA properties on the northern slope of Ladyface Mountain. Few private ownerships of this size remain in the Los Angeles County portion of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Two USGS blueline drainages course through the property.

The property is highly visible both from its long interface with Kanan Dume Road and from that highway as it climbs westward out of the Triunfo Creek watershed.

Access is via an existing dirt road system that connects to Kanan Dume Road. The MRCA can gate the property to prevent all vehicle access at that point. That main dirt road is listed as an Existing Unofficial Trail in the National Park Service - Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Trail Inventory. The proposed acquisition would allow for a trail connection between the Zuma Ridge Trail and Westlake Village near the end of Triunfo Canyon Road.

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The Third Supervisorial District has agreed to fully fund the acquisition using Proposition A funds. Price and terms will be discussed in closed session.