



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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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 XII: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into agreements to accept mitigation funding for public access improvements to Las Tunas Beach, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into agreements to accept mitigation funding for public access improvements to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority-owned Las Tunas Beach in the City of Malibu.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) last year acquired five contiguous lots nearly-adjacent to existing Las Tunas State Beach with a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy. The lots provide approximately three hundred feet of beach and are located approximately 600 feet up coast from the State Beach which has a dirt parking area and a lifeguard stand. The steep terrain at the MRCA's site will require a significant public investment to create safe and reliable beach access.

Prior to the MRCA's acquisition, the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) had funded a site analysis and access study. In addition, the beach is one of approximately twelve beach access points that the Conservancy has recently granted funds to the MRCA for the development of a Public Works Plan to gain access-way permit rights from the California Coastal Commission (Commission).

A homeowner on nearby Carbon Beach is working on a mitigation arrangement with the Commission staff whereby funding would be generated to permit, design, engineer, and construct a public access way at the MRCA's new beach. The proposed action would authorize staff to enter into an agreement(s) to accept funding for this purpose and would authorize acceptance of the funding. Ideally, the proposed mitigation funding will mesh with the above described PWP and produce a fully designed and permitted project that is well positioned to receive a grant for construction.