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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 5, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2552-001-008, approximately 22 acres, Big Tujunga Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board authorize the acquisition of APN 2552-001-008, approximately 22 acres, Big Tujunga Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The subject 22-acre property includes a core portion of the Big Tujunga Wash ecosystem downstream of the Angeles National Forest. This broad portion of the wash features many different riparian sub-communities. The alignment for the Rim of the Valley Trail crosses Big Tujunga Wash through the subject property. The MRCA acquired a ten acre property one parcel away downstream in 2010. Staff is restoring this downstream parcel with in lieu mitigation fees. Mitigation funds would be used for the acquisition. Staff has made an offer on the property. The Big Tujunga Wash is one of the most ecologically unique areas in Los Angeles County and should all be permanently protected and managed by a resource agency.