



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the County of Los Angeles to use Proposition 62 funds towards the acquisition of APN 4448-018-018 (1809 Tuna Canyon Road) in the Topanga Canyon watershed, adjacent Rocky Ledge, and authorizing the acceptance of said funds, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the entering into an agreement with the County of Los Angeles to use Proposition 62 funds, from the County's Third Supervisorial District, towards the acquisition of approximately 6.28-acre parcel APN 4448-018-018 (1809 Tuna Canyon Road), in the Topanga Canyon watershed, and authorizing the acceptance of said funds, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The subject 6.28-acre property is bordered on the south by Dix Canyon Creek, a blueline stream, and bordered on the north by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) 20.66-acre Rocky Ledge property, acquired in January, 2011.

The property owner has recently indicated a willingness to sell. The funding for this acquisition would consist of private donations from the The Rocky Ledge Preservation Team, the County's Third Supervisorial District and the MRCA. The proposed funding package to be provided by the MRCA includes Proposition 62 funding, in addition to Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds (CHIMF) and Proposition A funding.

A group of local community members have been pushing for the MRCA to acquire this property for more than a year. If the acquisition is completed, the MRCA would be the fee simple property owner and the management entity.