



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 4, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing establishment of a Mulholland Scenic Parkway Core Trail Fund and entering into agreements with the City of Los Angeles regarding said fund.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the establishment of a Mulholland Scenic Parkway Core Trail Fund, and also authorizing entering into agreements with the City of Los Angeles regarding using said fund for the implementation of the Mulholland Core Trail, as described in the City's Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan.

Background: The subject fund would be held and expended by the MRCA.

The Mulholland Core Trail is intended to be a contiguous pedestrian trail in the public right-of-way paralleling Mulholland Drive and running the length of the Mulholland Scenic Corridor. The Core Trail is described in Section 8 of the City of Los Angeles Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan (Ordinance No. 167,943, adopted May 3, 1992). This section is included as an attachment.

To date, the Core Trail has not been implemented, primarily due to lack of funding available. MRCA staff has previously proposed that construction of the Core Trail be implemented as a mitigation measure for development projects that adversely impact the public right-of-way along Mulholland Drive. Most recently, this was proposed for a project at 15000 Mulholland Drive (ZA-2013-2095-F-DRB-SPP-MSP). However, due to the expense of trail construction on public property, it was proposed that the project applicant instead pay \$10,000 towards future trail implementation. Even though the applicant agreed to this voluntary condition, it was ultimately rejected by the City Planning Department because no vehicle currently existed for accepting the funds or putting them to use.

With the establishment of a fund for the Mulholland Core Trail, and the future acceptance of an agreement between the MRCA and the City, such a voluntary

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condition would become an acceptable mitigation measure. Members of the community have indicated that they support the MRCA working with the City towards the implementation of the Core Trail.