



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
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Agenda Item X

MRCA

10/2/13

August 22, 2013

Jonathan Brand  
Deputy Chief of Land-Use Planning  
Los Angeles Council District 4  
200 North Spring Street, Room 480  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Acceptance of \$25,000 From the  
Buckley School Neighborhood Protection Fund  
For the Purchase of Parcel Number 2274-018-014**

Dear Mr. Brand:

At its June 5, 2013 meeting, the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) approved a resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2274-018-014, approximately 1.6 acres in Sherman Oaks.

The subject parcel is bounded by MRCA property on the north and west and by Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy property to the south and east. The subject parcel is part of the only east-west habitat linkage in that portion of the Santa Monica Mountains. The area forms a significant habitat node at a key juncture in this wildlife corridor. Development of the subject parcel would eliminate the ecological node value of the area and result in wholesale elimination of habitat resources on public land from required brush clearance.

The MRCA is expecting a signed purchase agreement in one week and hopes to close the transaction in less than 60 days. The \$25,000 donation from the Buckley School Neighborhood Protection Fund would contribute to the payment for this subject parcel.

The MRCA would like to accept the donation from the Buckley School Neighborhood Protection Fund in order to purchase the subject parcel to protect its ecological values. If the land purchase is not consummated, the money is to be returned to the Buckley School Neighborhood Protection Fund or as directed by the Council office.

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We would like to thank you for this generous offer in helping us preserve our local natural resources.

Sincerely,



Paul Edelman  
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Parties in agreement with this acceptance:

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Lisa Turchan  
Chief Financial Officer  
The Buckley School

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Tom LaBonge  
Council Member  
Council District 4

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Ron Ziff  
Chair Land Use  
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council