



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 6, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire APNs 4472-018-007, 4472-023-007 and 008, 4472-024-005, 007 and 008, 4473-004-002 and 003 totaling approximately 416 acres in the Decker Canyon watershed; (b) entering into an agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Attorney General's office to use specified funds, and (c) acquisition of said parcels.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing: (a) entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire APNs 4472-018-007, 4472-023-007 and 008, 4472-024-005, 007 and 008, 4473-004-002 and 003 totaling approximately 416 acres in the Decker Canyon watershed; (b) entering into an agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Attorney General's office to use specified funds, and (c) acquisition of said parcels.

Background: The subject approximately 416 acres connect to the western boundary of Leo Carrillo State Park and to the eastern boundary of National Park Service property and Charmlee Wilderness park. To the north lies Los Angeles City-owned Decker Canyon Campground. The Coastal Slope Trail--in the form of an existing fire road--connects from Decker Canyon Road through four of the subject parcels to Leo Carrillo State Park. The southern boundary extends to Pacific Coast Highway. The property includes thousands of feet of Decker Canyon Creek. The property receives the highest priority in the National Park Service Land Protection Plan.

The MRCA has negotiated a deal with the property owner. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District is stepping in as the lead funder with Proposition A funds. Funds held by the State Attorney General from the Leo Carrillo Trust will make up the difference along with some MRCA Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund. This property will be a significant addition to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

