



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 VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds 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.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds 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, in both incorporated and unincorporated portions of the Malibu Coastal Zone.

Background: The subject properties comprise an approximately 416-acre ownership in the Decker Canyon watershed, and fall within the Conservancy's Los Alisos Canyon-Upper Workprogram project. This ownership abuts Leo Carrillo State Park to the west, and Decker Canyon Camp to the northeast. The Coastal Slope Trail crosses through five of the eight subject parcels. The dominant vegetation type is chaparral with extensive riparian vegetation included in a long section of Decker Canyon Creek.

On November 4, 2013, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy approved a resolution authorizing the use of CHIMF funding by the MRCA towards the acquisition of the subject properties. The MRCA's use of each CHIMF expenditure must be approved by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The MRCA holds and expends these mitigation funds which can only be spent within the Coastal Zone boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains.

The bulk of the acquisition costs would be funded by Proposition A funds from the Los Angeles County Third Supervisorial District, and by funds from the Leo Carrillo

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Trust held by the State of California. The MRCA would hold fee title to each property.