

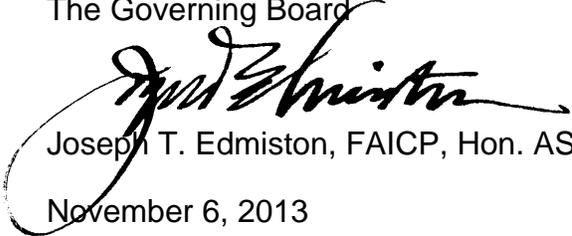


# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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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 IX: Consideration of resolution: (a) authorizing the acquisition of APN 4465-004-045, approximately 56 acres in Ramirez Canyon, using Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds, Proposition A funds, and funds from the State Coastal Conservancy; (b) alternatively authorizing a grant of said funds as applicable to the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of said parcel, and (c) authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for said acquisition via Assignment and Assumption Grant Agreement, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution (a) authorizing the acquisition of APN 4465-004-045, approximately 56 acres in Ramirez Canyon, using Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds, Proposition A funds, and funds from the State Coastal Conservancy; (b) alternatively authorizing a grant of said funds as applicable to the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of said parcel, and (c) authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for said acquisition via Assignment and Assumption Grant Agreement.

Background: The Trust for Public land has assembled a host of funding sources to acquire 56-acre APN 4465-004-045 in Ramirez Canyon. The MRCA to date has taken a minimum of four actions in the last 18 months to further the acquisition of this 56-acre parcel. The current plan is for the MRCA to take title to this property in calendar year 2013. The last piece of the funding puzzle is \$50,000 from the State Coastal Conservancy. A separate item on this agenda addresses acceptance of that grant from the State Coastal Conservancy. Most likely the acquisition will close before these funds are available, but TPL will cover that cost until said funds are available. That increment of Coastal Conservancy grant funding, will be combined with \$250,000 of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funding (CHIMF) from the MRCA, \$1,000,000 of funding from 3<sup>rd</sup> District Competitive Trail Grant funds, and potentially other sources. The attached map shows the property boundary.

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Because the Trust for Public Land has the Los Angeles County Project Agreement for the \$1,000,000 of Proposition A funding, this proposed action adds a small item for extra insurance. As added insurance in case the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for some reason cannot assign that Project Agreement to the MRCA, the attached resolution authorizes the MRCA to grant the \$250,000 of CHIMF and \$50,000 of Coastal Conservancy to TPL. TPL would then complete the acquisition and give the property to a non-profit acceptable to the MRCA Governing Board. There appears to be only a minute possibility of that happening.

The expected course of action is that the Proposition A Project Agreement will be assigned to the MRCA through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District via a form and action called Assignment and Assumption of Grant Agreement. This resolution authorizes entering into said type of agreement.