



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 5, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution amending resolution No. 08-29 to include APNs 2064-006-902 and 905, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution amending Resolution No. 08-29 to include APNs 2064-006-902 and 905, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.

Background: In 2008 the Governing Board adopted resolution No. 08-29 (attached) which had amended Resolution No. 00-25. In summary these resolutions authorized an exchange of an easement over Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) land for conservation easements over six parcels between an existing office building and the right-of-way for the 101 Freeway. Resolution 08-29 mistakenly left off APNs 2064-006-902 and 905 as pointed out in the March 5, 2008 staff report (attached). The purpose of this action is to amend those two parcels into the prior authorization.

The conservation easements are critical for wildlife movement between the Liberty Canyon Road freeway underpass and MRCA property south of the freeway. The subject easement area on the MRCA property currently contains an abandoned house and an asphalt driveway and parking area. In 2008 the City of Agoura Hills authorized improvements to the adjacent office building. To finish those improvements, the building owner must provide the additional offsite parking agreed upon by the MRCA first in 2000 and subsequently in 2008.

The City of Agoura Hills entitlements for improvements to the office building require the developer to grade and landscape the future MRCA wildlife corridor conservation easement exactly as the MRCA staff had requested in 2007. This wildlife corridor enhancement will be regionally significant. The 70-foot by 200-foot MRCA area would become a permeable pavement parking area for the adjacent building.