



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 7, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the transfer of a portion of APN 2385-018-904 to adjacent property owner.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the transfer of a portion of APN 2385-018-904 to adjacent property owner.

Background: The MRCA was approached by neighboring homeowners ("Buyers") adjacent to MRCA parkland (APN 2385-018-904) about transferring a small portion of the MRCA-owned property for the purpose of constructing a driveway. The area to be transferred totals approximately fourteen thousand four hundred and twelve (14,412) square feet. In addition to consideration for the area conveyed, Buyers have agreed to handle the process for filing a lot line adjustment with the City. Staff does not believe the transfer will damage parkland or wildlife habitat because the area is limited in size, and falls immediately adjacent to developed structures where habitat and viewshed are already disturbed.

The subject MRCA parcel was donated to the MRCA by Mulholland Investments, Inc. ("Mulholland") in 1993. Prior to the donation, Mulholland executed a subdivision improvement agreement and recorded various covenants against the parcel, including a covenant relating to soil and drainage. In addition, when the development project was abandoned, as part of a Settlement Agreement with the City of Los Angeles, Mulholland executed a Covenant and Agreement to hold the Property as One parcel in 1996.

Buyers have worked with the City on documents that would amend these covenants to exclude the transferred portion of the property when the transfer is completed. If the transfer is approved by the Board, staff will assist Buyers in executing and recording the amended covenants.

Please see attached map for depiction of transferred area.