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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 10, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the City of Santa Clarita to acquire properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 2014A Public Auction, and authorizing subsequent transfer of said properties to the City of Santa Clarita.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from, and transfer of acquired tax defaulted properties to, the City of Santa Clarita.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has had great success purchasing parcels through the Los Angeles County public auction process. Participation in the previous four auctions has resulted in the acquisition of high quality open space purchased at low cost to the MRCA.

Staff from the City of Santa Clarita contacted MRCA to see if it would be possible to “piggyback” on the MRCA’s auction activities. The City has had difficulty acquiring tax defaulted parcels through the Chapter 8 process with the County, and wants to attempt to acquire the properties via the auction process.

This action authorizes a professional partnership to occur between the MRCA and the City of Santa Clarita. The City seeks to take advantage of the MRCA’s experience and efficiencies in the auction process. MRCA staff will work with City staff to identify target parcels and funding amounts.

Items VI(d) and VI(e) on this September 10, 2014 agenda address registering as a bidder at the October 2013A public auction, and opening an Auction Trust Account, respectively.