



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 5, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of 0.25-acre parcel (APN 2526-001-072) in Kagel Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of 0.25-acre parcel (APN 2526-001-072) in Kagel Canyon.

Background: The owners of the subject 0.25-acre property in the Kagel Canyon watershed of the San Gabriel Mountains recently inherited the property and desire to donate it for conservation purposes. As shown on the attached map, the property abuts Los Angeles County operated Dexter Park on the north and an undeveloped Los Angeles County Department of Public Works property to the south. The property can be accessed via an approximately ten-foot-wide paved trail that parallels the southern boundary of the park. The north-facing parcel supports mixed northern chaparral and a few mature coast live oak trees. There are no nearby structures that require fuel modification on the parcel.

The parcel could provide the foundation for a trail between the two above-described County ownerships. It abuts the jurisdictional boundary of the Angeles National Forest and is fully connected to the core habitat of the San Gabriel Mountains. In addition it is both part of the natural Los Angeles River watershed and the watershed for Dexter Park.

Upon staff's request, the donor independently paid for a title report via the MRCA's requested title company and company agent.

The property would make a fine addition to the Rim of the Valley Corridor and illicit future donations.