



# 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 XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement for the exchange of interests in real property and a pledge of donation relating to APNs 5666-003-001, 002, 003 and 5666-004-038, Glendale.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorize entering into an agreement for the exchange of interests in real property and a pledge of donation relating to APNs 5666-003-001, 002, 003 and 5666-004-038, Glendale.

Background: In 2007 the owner of the above referenced properties donated a conservation easement over the entirety of the listed APNs, including certain portions that had been historically developed and remained disturbed. The owner retained fee title to the subject properties.

Recently, representatives for the owner contacted MRCA staff to discuss a reconfiguration of the conservation easement area to exclude the disturbed areas and for allow greater protection of the remainder of the property. In exchange, the MRCA would receive fee title to the remainder of the property in question and a conservation easement over a parcel that was not previously protected.

Under the proposed transaction, the MRCA will not incur any significant maintenance costs or brush clearance liability. Acquisition of fee title to these properties will allow the MRCA greater flexibility in property management and resource conservation.

The agreement will also include a pledge by the owner of a monetary donation to further the MRCA mission.

Please see the attached map for property location.