

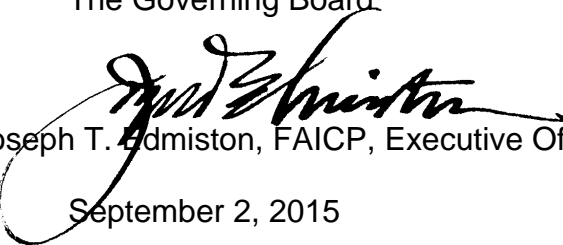


# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: September 2, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds for trail installation and development pursuant to California Coastal Commission Consent Cease and Desist Order No. CCC-15-CD-03 and Restoration Order No. CCC-15-RO-03, Las Flores Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$100,000 designated for the installation and improvement of public hiking and equestrian trails, Las Flores Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The California Coastal Commission (Commission) recently issued Consent Cease and Desist Order No. CCC-15-CD-03 and Restoration Order No. CCC-15-RO-03 (Consent Orders) to the owners of APNs 4438-038-014 and 4438-033-012 (Respondents) over unpermitted violations on the subject parcels. In the settlement for this violation case Respondents agreed to pay a monetary amount of \$100,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the installation and improvement of public hiking and equestrian trails in Las Flores Canyon.

Several trail easements and trail dedications exist within the immediate vicinity in Las Flores Canyon just south of Saddle Peak Road (see attached map). The trail easements in this area provide an opportunity to improve the long envisioned Tuna Canyon Trail, a trail identified in the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Plan, that would connect Saddle Peak Road to Tuna Canyon Road in the south near Topanga State Park.

When constructed, the Tuna Canyon Trail will provide an important regional trail connection by linking segments near the Malibu coastline with the Backbone Trail.