



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 7, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XX: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2064-006-001 (0.27 acre) using Proposition A funding, other public funding, or private funds, City of Agoura Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2064-006-001 (0.27 acre) using Proposition A funding, other public funding, or private funds, City of Agoura Hills.

Background: The small subject parcel (see attached map) that is wedged between Agoura Road and the 101 freeway corridor has long been an acquisition target to augment the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor. It has been owned by the local Morrison family for decades. Staff is working towards an acquisition with the family, but no deal has been struck. Staff recommends this proactive Board action in case time becomes a factor in closing a deal. The property contains a heritage sized valley oak tree, the edge of a Liberty Canyon tributary, and non-native grassland with scattered shrubs and sapling oak trees. It abuts Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority property to the east.

The nature of a possible deal will determine the funding source. The appraised value can be disclosed in closed session as necessary.