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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 4, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Chapter 8 Agreement with Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector to acquire parcels removed from the 2015A public auction.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into three Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector to acquire parcels removed from the 2015A public auction.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has historically entered into many Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire tax defaulted properties. The MRCA has acquired over 1,500 acres through this process.

Eleven parcels were pulled from the 2015A auction in September 2015. Los Angeles County Tax Collector's Office is preparing to issue Chapter 8 Agreements 2730, 2731, and 2732. A brief description of the parcels follows along with attached aerial photographs with the parcel boundaries.

Chapter 8 Agreement 2730 consists of one parcel, APN 2063-048-011. This parcel contains oak woodland, riparian, and chaparral habitats and is adjacent to MRCA parkland in the Liberty Canyon area of Agoura, south of the 101 freeway.

Chapter 8 Agreement 2731 consists of two parcels, APNs 5308-020-016 and 5308-020-021. These parcels contain oak woodland and chaparral habitats in the Elephant Hill area of Los Angeles.

Chapter 8 Agreement 2732 consists of eight parcels. APNs 5306-009-037, 5306-009-042, 5306-009-043, and 5307-008-014 are important for the MRCA's long term plan to acquire, protect, and provide access to to much needed open space in the Elephant Hill area of Los Angeles.

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APN 5443-033-018 contains many mature trees and is a part of the habitat linkage between Griffith Park and Elysian Park, and the Griffith Park to El Pueblo Trail Corridor.

APNs 5460-015-028, 5460-015-029, and 5462-009-012 are paper street lots containing oak woodland and chaparral habitats in the Glassell Park area of northeast Los Angeles hilltops.