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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 6, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a trail easement at 3093 Sweetwater Mesa Road on portions of APNs 4452-025-025 and 4453-005-089 and acceptance of funding, City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a trail easement at 3093 Sweetwater Mesa Road on portions of APNs 4452-025-025 and 4453-005-089 and acceptance of funding, City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The representative for the owner of two parcels near Sweetwater Mesa Road has offered to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) a trail easement over the subject parcels (see attached figures). The trail easement would cover a portion of Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 4452-025-025 ("Lot 2") in the City of Malibu and all of APN 4453-005-089 within unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Lot 2 was part of four-lot subdivision. MRCA owns a north-south running trail easement on Lot 1 (APNs 4452-025-027 and 028). That trail has been partially built, but it has become eroded over time and is in disrepair.

A trail easement on the subject two parcels would maximize the possibilities for selecting the optimal route for the Coastal Slope Trail in this area. An east-west conceptual trail alignment on Lot 2 is shown on the City's latest draft trails maps.

The final alignment for the Coastal Slope Trail is expected to traverse in the Sweetwater Mesa area from Malibu Creek State Park eastward over some combination of parcels such as through the subject parcels, the "Edge" property, the MRCA-owned parcel APN 4452-025-900, and potentially other parcels.

In addition, the representative for the owner has offered \$7,500 to be used for maintenance of the existing built trail on Lot 1.