

MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of an approximately 0.21-acre property (APN 2072-026-009), Old Topanga Canyon Road, City of Calabasas.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of an approximately 0.21-acre property (APN 2072-026-009) along Old Topanga Canyon Road in the City of Calabasas.

<u>Background</u>: The subject near-quarter-acre parcel straddles a USGS blueline that is a tributary to the Dry Creek Canyon drainage in the upper Los Angeles River watershed. The parcel contains mature oak and sycamore trees along the creek and the remainder of the parcel is for all intents and purposes covered with oak woodland. There is good access to the parcel from Old Topanga Canyon Road. A portion of the under-story has been cleared to protect an adjacent house. The proposed dedication has exemplary ecological, scenic, and watershed values.