



# 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(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire a Liberty Canyon tributary parcel, City of Agoura Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire a Liberty Canyon tributary parcel in the City of Agoura Hills in the amount of \$50,000.

Background: The proposed grant application would be targeted at acquiring APN 2052-013-040 (approximately 0.27 acres) that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) would acquire as part of the proposed 101 freeway wildlife overcrossing located east of the Liberty Canyon Road interchange.

The Governing Board authorized submission of an unspecified grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the subject parcel last month. This parcel is so critical that the action was taken to assure no loss in time if the Seller demanded funding at an accelerated rate. The MRCA does not have a signed purchase agreement. The Conservancy staff prefers that the MRCA submit an application for Proposition 1 funds to address this funding need. In another prior action, the Governing Board also authorized acquisition of the parcel.

The parcel contains a section of Liberty Creek located north of Agoura Road. The parcel also offers viewshed and trail benefits.