



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 1, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XII: Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) acceptance of fee simple or conservation easement dedication interests over APNs 500-0-090-300, 500-0-100-045, 500-0-100-125 and 500-0-100-055 totaling approximately 75 acres; (b) entering into an agreement with the owner of Wayne J Sand and Gravel to receive set up costs and long-term maintenance funding, and (c) acceptance of said funding, unincorporated Ventura County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing: (a) acceptance of fee simple or conservation easement dedication interests over APNs 500-0-090-300, 500-0-100-045, 500-0-100-125 and 500-0-100-055 totaling approximately 75 acres; (b) entering into an agreement with the owner of Wayne J Sand and Gravel to receive set up costs and long-term maintenance funding, and (c) acceptance of said funding, unincorporated Ventura County.

Background: The Ventura County Board of Supervisors recently approved a modified Conditional Use Permit and an amended Reclamation Plan to authorize the expansion of the existing Wayne J Sand and Gravel mining facility. The mitigation requirements (including by California Department of Fish and Wildlife) include the dedication open space. The attached map shows the proposed 75 acres offered to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). Most likely the 75 acres would be part of a conservation easement. However the proposed action authorizes acceptance of any combination of fee simple and conservation easement land interests. The landowners representative has been in contact with staff for a couple of months to explore the MRCA's needs and interests.

MRCA's acceptance will require both the up front payment of costs for legal work and a long-term maintenance fund to monitor the easement/public land and report annually on whether or not its resource values have been compromised. The proposed action authorizes the acceptance of said funding. The MRCA would have no maintenance obligations if the interest is purely in the form of a conservation easement. An extra dedication area is also available abutting State Route 23 as shown.