



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: October 27, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V: Consideration of resolution authorizing 1) a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for ten parcels totaling approximately 95 acres (APNs 2072-024-005, -019, -020, 2072-025-014, -015, -016, 2072-027-004, -005, -006, 2072-030-010), and 2) authorizing entering into agreements with and accept funds from other agencies and private parties for the acquisition, and 3) authorizing the acquisition of said parcels, Dry Creek Canyon, City of Calabasas.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing 1) a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for ten parcels totaling approximately 95 acres (APNs 2072-024-005, -019, -020, 2072-025-014, -015, -016, 2072-027-004, -005, -006, 2072-030-010), and 2) authorizing entering into agreements with and accept funds from other agencies and private parties for the acquisition, and 3) authorizing the acquisition of said parcels, Dry Creek Canyon, City of Calabasas.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has the opportunity to acquire an approximately 95-acre property consisting of ten parcels in Dry Creek Canyon by Old Topanga Canyon Road and Mulholland Highway. The ten parcels consist of APNs 2072-024-005, 019, 020, 2072-025-014, 015, 016, 2072-027-004, 005, 006, and 2072-030-010 as seen in the attached map. The MRCA has a signed agreement to purchase the subject property. The acquisition must close in calendar year 2016 under the signed agreement.

The subject 95-acre property is located entirely in the Los Angeles River watershed. A blueline stream runs along a portion of APNs 2072-025-014, 015, 016, 2072-027-004, and 2072-030-010. Oak woodlands cover a majority of the subject property. However, 60 percent of the property burned in the Old Fire this year. The subject 95-acre property surrounds the City-owned Creekside Park and 6.24 acres of MRCA-owned land adjacent to the west. The subject property is one of the few large swaths of open space remaining in the eastern region of the City of Calabasas.

The MRCA would submit a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

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for Proposition 1 funds for an amount up to \$1,250,000 for the proposed acquisition. Additional matching funds are anticipated from the County of Los Angeles and hopefully the City of Calabas. Other private funding may be available for use towards the acquisition.