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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 19, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the granting of a trail easement over APN 5843-019-903 to Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of implementing the Altadena Crest Trail, Rubio Canyon, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the granting of a trail easement over APN 5843-019-903 to Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of implementing the Altadena Crest Trail, in Rubio Canyon, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

Background: The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has requested a multi-use trail easement that overlays the whole of the subject MRCA-owned parcel in Rubio Canyon. This easement is necessary to allow for the completion of the "Rubio Gap" portion of the Altadena Crest Trail in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. The subject MRCA parcel would connect to eleven County-owned parcels near the southern Angeles National Forest.

Department of Parks and Recreation holds an existing easement on the subject parcel, however, the placement and narrow width of this easement does not allow for a feasible and safe trail alignment. The new requested easement, if granted, would enable the construction of a multi-use trail easement with a reduced incline that would be safer and more accessible for future trails users. County Parks staff have assured MRCA staff that the new trail alignment would also be easier to maintain. No changes to the existing easement are necessary.

Department of Parks and Recreation would be responsible for trail maintenance and signs on the subject parcel.