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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 14, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution accepting dedication of APN 2063-048-011, approximately 60 acres of land in the Liberty Canyon Corridor, unincorporated Agoura area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of the dedication of APN 2063-048-011.

Background: At the April 6, 2016 meeting, the Governing Board previously authorized purchase of 40 acres of this property through the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Chapter 8 process, but the property was redeemed: Owner Blake Rasmussen is being conditioned by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission to offer to dedicate the open space parcel to MRCA before approval of a conditional use permit for retroactive authorization for grading violations. The parcel is a key segment of the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor, south of Agoura Road. It is adjacent to the large network of MRCA-owned Liberty Canyon parcels. A property inspection has been made, with no apparent issues that would forestall acceptance of the dedication. The Third Supervisorial District is strongly recommending that Mr. Rasmussen voluntarily provide MRCA with funds for staff time and appropriate park signage among other costs. A comment letter from staff of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to the Regional Planning Commission is attached.