



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 7, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing: a) entering into project agreement with Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire the approximately 96-acre Old Topanga property, (b) adopting a Youth Employment Plan, and (c) acquisition of said property, City of Calabasas.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing: a) entering into project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire the approximately 96-acre Old Topanga-Calabasas Highland adjacent property, (b) adopting a Youth Employment Plan, and (c) acquisition of said property, City of Calabasas.

Background: At its October 27, 2016 meeting the Governing Board adopted a resolution (16-177) authorizing submission of a Proposition 1 grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to acquire ten parcels totaling 96 acres in Calabasas. A map of the property is attached. A grant application for \$1,112,000 was submitted on November 30th. If the grant application qualifies, the Conservancy will consider funding the grant at its December 12th meeting.

On November 22nd the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a \$1,000,000 grant of Proposition A funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) as a match for the proposed acquisition. To effectuate the grant with the County the MRCA must adopt a resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. The MRCA must also adopted a Youth Employment Plan (draft attached). Acquisition projects are not required to employ youth.

The attached resolution authorizes entering into the Project Agreement and adopts a Youth Employment Plan. Resolution No. 16-777 already authorized the acquisition of the subject ten parcels.

The MRCA has the property under contract but just through December 30th.