



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 1, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire APN 5562-006-020, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 1 grant to acquire APN 5562-006-020 in Laurel Canyon.

Background: The subject 17.38-acre property anchors an approximately 50-acre habitat block located between Lookout Mountain Drive and Stanley Hills Drive in Laurel Canyon. The property contains key watershed to seeps along Stanley Hills Drive, a trail, views, and exceptional chaparral and oak woodland habitat.

The proposed action authorizes staff's submission of a Proposition 1 grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Applications are due February 28th. The grant application would not exceed \$1,000,000. The third Supervisorial District has approved a \$100,000 Proposition A grant and approximately \$100,000 of private funds have secured an option on the property.

At the next Governing Board meeting staff intends to bring forth an agenda item to conditionally authorize acceptance of assignment of the option and to authorize acceptance of the property.