



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 5, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire APN 2052-013-040 and authorizing acquisition of said parcel, Liberty Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire APN 2052-013-040 and authorizing acquisition of said parcel in the upper Liberty Canyon watershed.

Background: The subject approximately five-acre property is located in the heart of the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor just north of the 101 freeway in the Simi Hills. A development group acquired the property approximately 18 months ago and contacted staff about potential acquisition. The owners subsequently received a ministerial plot plan approval from Los Angeles County. Staff is in negotiations with the owners. The property has an access easement through the private property to the east. This is a regionally significant property that requires every effort to fully protect. A house on the property in the middle of the wildlife corridor would be extremely detrimental to its function.

At its February 1, 2017 meeting, the Governing Board adopted a resolution authorizing submission of a Proposition 1 grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. At its March 27, 2017 meeting, the Conservancy approved a \$385,000 grant to the MRCA. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District has agreed to take a \$375,000 grant of Proposition A Excess Funds to Board of Supervisors. The proposed action authorizes both the application to and to enter into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District.

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