



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: June 7, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(q): Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds to acquire fee simple interest in, or conservation easement over, approximately 60 acres of land, APNs 4461-005-009 and 4461-006-019, in Solstice Canyon, unincorporated Malibu area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds, \$50,000, to acquire approximately 60 acres of land, APNs 4461-005-009 and 4461-006-019, in Solstice Canyon, unincorporated Malibu area.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has negotiated with the property owners to acquire the subject 60 acres (APNs 4461-005-009 and 4461-006-019) for a bargain sale price well below appraised value of \$50,000. Acquisition of this property would represent a significant increase of protected lands within Solstice Canyon. A map of the property is attached.

The subject property is bordered to the north, west and east by private property and to the south by Solstice Canyon Park, National Recreation Area. Most of the subject property is designated as Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area in the existing Los Angeles County General Plan and the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program. With the exception of Barrymore Drive that bisects the property in a northwest-southeast direction, the subject property is undeveloped and does not contain any fuel modification zones from adjacent properties. A portion of a *Significant Ridgeline* (as per the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Plan Certified) crosses the northeast corner of the property.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) must approve the MRCA's use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds to acquire this property at the Conservancy's next meeting on June 26, 2017. The acquisition must close by October 31, 2017.