MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution accepting donation of approximately 217 acres of land in the Acton area; APN’s 3323-013-002; -017, -023, -048, -049, -052, and -053; and a possible additional 17.5 acres APN’s 3223-013-041 and 3223-014-020, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of the offer of donated land in the Acton area, APN’s 3323-013-002; -017, -023, -048, -049, -052, and -053; and a possible additional 17.5 acres APN’s 3223-013-041 and 3223-014-020, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The parcels are undeveloped open space land located south of the 14 Freeway in the Agua Dulce/Acton area near other parcels owned by the MRCA and the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (SCWRCA). Blueline stream drainages cross through several of the parcels (see attached maps). The parcels contain important wildlife habitat and movement corridors. Owner James Mansdorfer has offered the 217 acres in donation; and 17.5 acres may also be available and staff recommends authorization to accept any or all of the parcels pending a title report review for clear title. A site inspection was made and no management issues were identified.