



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 26, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a purchase and sale and option agreement for the acquisition of a multipurpose easement for habitat restoration, environmental remediation, public access, recreation, and open space purposes from the City of Los Angeles over an approximately 9.28 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823 and for an option to purchase a multipurpose easement over an additional 3.22 acres of the subject property, owned by the City of Los Angeles, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorize entering into a purchase and sale and option agreement for the acquisition of a multipurpose easement for habitat restoration, environmental remediation, public access, recreation, and open space purposes from the City of Los Angeles over an approximately 9.28 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823 and for an option to purchase a multipurpose easement over an additional 3.22 acres of the subject property, owned by the City of Los Angeles, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.

Background: The proposed resolution will modify the Governing Board's action from May 3, 2017 in Resolution No. 17-78, which authorized acquisition of a multipurpose easement totaling 12.5 acres in size. Subsequently, the City of Los Angeles and MRCA staff, in conjunction with the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), which is considering making a grant to fund this acquisition, determined that the acquisition of the easement would more appropriately be broken into two phases.

The first phase will total an easement area of approximately 9.28 acres and, subject to entering into a grant agreement, would be funded solely by the WCB. The second phase would be contingent upon the MRCA's exercise of an option to purchase the additional 3.22 acre easement area with funding to be secured from alternate sources.

A copy of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> resolution and staff report attached here for reference.