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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Agenda Item XVII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of APNs 4464-025-006, 007, 008, 009; and 4464-026-007, totaling approximately 57 acres, in upper Zuma Canyon watershed, Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 4464-025-006, 007, 008, 009; and 4464-026-007, totaling approximately 57 acres, in the upper Zuma Canyon watershed, Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

Background: The five privately-owned parcels being offered as a donation are located along Latigo Canyon Road, upslope of Newton Canyon, a tributary of the Zuma Canyon watershed. The subject south-facing slope property contains primarily chaparral habitat, with some scattered oak trees.

A blueline stream traverses the westernmost parcel (APN 4464-026-007) to drain into Newton Canyon Creek. There is an existing agricultural encroachment on this same parcel from the vineyards to the south. At this time, it is uncertain how this issue would be resolved, however staff does not believe that there would be any fuel modification or other maintenance issues related to this encroachment.

The five parcels lie within the viewshed of the Backbone Trail. National Park Service-owned open space lies adjacent to the subject property's southeastern corner (of APN 4464-025-006).

Latigo Canyon Road traverses the property, but has a broad right-of-way in this location. Any potential dumping from the roadway would most likely occur within the existing County-owned right-of-way.