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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 XVIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APN 5571-032-020 in the Nichols Canyon watershed, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APN 5571-032-020 in the Nichols Canyon watershed.

Background: The approximately 0.87-acre subject property is located adjacent to the MRCA-owned Solar Drive open space (APN 5571-032-901), which was previously donated by the same property owner. Trebek Open Space is separated from the subject property only by Astral Drive (to the west). Both properties together facilitate access between Trebek Open Space and Runyon Canyon Park for wildlife, and could also facilitate access to Runyon Canyon for hikers. The subject property is included in the Runyon Canyon-Trebek habitat block, which is identified as Habitat Block No. 42 on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Habitat Linkage Planning Map.

Acceptance of the subject property would come with fuel modification obligations due to the surrounding residences. The donor will also make a financial donation to the MRCA specifically to assist with these costs, as a condition of the MRCA's acceptance of the property.

Ownership of the subject property would allow the MRCA to control access to the existing fire road, which also traverses the aforementioned Solar Drive open space.