



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 1, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Proposition A funds to acquire APN 2581-003-001 (approximately 20 acres), Wilson Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the use of Proposition A funds to acquire APN 2581-003-001 (20.6 acres) adjacent to Wilson Canyon Park.

Background: The subject 20.6-acre parcel park borders the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Wilson Canyon Park and the Angeles National Forest each on two sides. The property includes a key turn on the Rim of the Valley Trail and encompasses part of a USGS blueline stream with a perennial seep. The owner has been a willing, motivated, and patient Seller for the almost two decades since the Conservancy acquired Wilson Canyon Park. Funds are available in a multi-parcel 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District Proposition A grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA). The Seller has verbally agreed to far-below-appraised-value bargain sale. The acquisition would secure regionally significant resources and eliminate the downsides of a large in holding within the public parkland matrix. Price and terms can be discussed in closed session and possibly in open session if Seller agrees before the Governing Board meeting.