




MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: May 2, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an Amended and Restated Property Access and Use Agreement with Stevenson Ranch Venture LLC for the non-public portion of Pico Canyon Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into an Amended and Restated Property Access and Use Agreement with Stevenson Ranch Venture LLC for the non-public portion of Pico Canyon Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: In 2007, MRCA entered into a license agreement with Stevenson Ranch Venture, LLC (SRV) that gave MRCA and the general public the right of ingress and egress over a segment of private road that connects the western terminus of Pico Canyon Road to the entrance of Mentryville. Prior to that date, there was no formal agreement to use that land for access to the Mentryville property. In 2013, that agreement was renewed and modified to include MRCA's right to maintain the water service utility line that crosses SRV property. The water line was in place prior to SRV's ownership.

MRCA has obtained grant funding from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to rehabilitate the water line. The aged pipeline has chronic problems with leaks and reliability, and its location does not correspond to any above-ground landmarks. Relocating the line closer to the roadway, at a consistent offset distance, would make future repairs easier and less expensive. The subject license agreement retains all previous rights and adds the right to relocate the pipeline as described. SRV has requested that MRCA remove the old pipeline.

Fiscal Impact: The subject agreement has no impact on the general fund. The commitment to remove the old line reduces the length of new pipeline that can be constructed but there is still sufficient funding in the existing grant to replace the segments of critical importance.