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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: August 8, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 2.44 acres, APNs 5307-004-016; 5307-007-008; 5307-007-012, El Sereno, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of approximately 2.44 acres, APNs 5307-004-016; 5307-007-008; 5307-007-012, El Sereno, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The owner of an approximately 2.44-acre property in the Elephant Hill habitat block has offered to donate fee title of his property to the MRCA for preservation as open space. The subject parcels contain valuable oak and walnut woodland and are approximately 0.88 acres, 0.78 acres, and 0.78 acres in size, respectively. The parcels are undeveloped open space land located at the eastern edge of Elephant Hill, in the El Sereno neighborhood of City of Los Angeles, within the Arroyo Seco Watershed. See attached map. All three parcels are located adjacent to parcels that are already publicly-owned by the City of Los Angeles, and help to achieve a primary objective of the Elephant Hill Open Space project's strategic vision for acquisition of open space by enlarging outward contiguous public lands. MRCA currently owns just over 5-acres at Elephant Hill which also adjoin parcels owned by the City of Los Angeles, creating a 20-acre publicly owned block combined.

The property would make a fine addition to the Elephant Hill Open Space area and potentially illicit future donations. Upon staff's request, the donor will independently pay for a title report via the MRCA's requested title company and company agent.

The MRCA does not do fuel modification in the subject area and permits adjoining residents to perform the clearance on its property. The three subject properties are well positioned to avoid illegal dumping and its associated cleanup up costs.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize the acceptance of donation of approximately 2.44-acres of land in the in the Elephant Hill habitat block.