MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 8, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 4453-027-008 (approximately 2.9 acres) in Carbon Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 4453-027-008 (approximately 2.9 acres) in Carbon Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The subject 2.9-acre parcel in upper Carbon Canyon is critical for the completion of the Coastal Slope Trail as it meets the eastern rim of the Carbon Canyon watershed. The climb out of Carbon Canyon is extremely steep leaving few options for trail construction to meet Rambla Pacifica Street. Staff has been in touch on and off with the subject owner for almost a decade. The negotiation is close enough to a resolution to warrant Board authorization in the event a swift closing is a requirement of the Seller. The property was recently re-appraised. The funding source is from a special contract with Los Angeles County for Cy Pres funds specifically for the Carbon Canyon section of the Coastal Slope Trail. The property abuts a parcel owned by the Mountains Restoration Trust to the north and a conservation/trail easement owned by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to the southwest.