



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 5, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing accepting donation of approximately 56 acres of land (APNs 2826-018-047, 063, 2826-030-008, 2826-031-001, 2826-032-002 and 2826-033-010) in the Oat Mountain Motorway area of the Santa Susana Mountains, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing accepting donation of approximately 56 acres of land (APNs 2826-018-047, 063, 2826-030-008, 2826-031-001, 2826-032-002 and 2826-033-010) in the Oat Mountain Motorway area of the Santa Susana Mountains.

Background: The six subject parcels have long been owned by a family which have now chosen to donate them to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The six parcels are located in the Santa Susana Mountains, and comprise approximately 56 acres in three separate watersheds. There are approximately ten acres in the Los Angeles River watershed, eight in the Calleguas Creek watershed, and the remaining 38 acres are within the Santa Clara River watershed.

The subject parcels are situated between two significant tracts of MRCA open space the Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park at Joughin Ranch, and the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park.

According to the California Native Diversity Database (CNDDDB), all but one of the subject parcels fall within a known occurrence zone for Orcutt's grass (*Orcuttia californica*), a federally listed endangered species.

One parcel, APN 2826-018-063, contains a geographic feature designated as a Los Angeles County significant ridge line.

All properties are contiguous to MRCA existing Open Space parcels. Please see attached map.