MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of APN 4434-005-025 (20.25 acres), upper Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of APN 4434-005-025 (20.25 acres), upper Topanga Canyon watershed.

Background: The subject parcel is owned by a family which have now chosen to donate to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The parcel is part of a key cluster of land in the vicinity of two MRCA parks: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park, and Summit Valley Ed Edelman Park.

The surrounding area has many development threats, and the MRCA is actively pursuing a number of properties nearby for trail and open space connectivity between the two aforementioned parks.

The parcel is situated entirely within the Mulholland Gateway SouthWest Workprogram project designated by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Please see attached map for detail.