



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 7, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Coastal Slope Trail acquisition, permitting, and construction between Decker and Trancas Canyons.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Coastal Slope Trail acquisition, permitting, and construction between Decker and Trancas Canyons.

Background: The general Coastal Slope Trail alignment between the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's adjoining Leo A. Carrillo and Edith Carrillo Memorial Park and Robert Yoshio Nagata Park and the National Park Service's Trancas Canyon unit presents both difficult ownership and topographic constraints. Malibu City-owned and MRCA-managed Charmlee Wilderness Park is a protected land island between them. The attached map shows the private parcels that are potentially key to securing a contiguous trail corridor.

East of Charmlee, the Banyan Rancho Malibu project approved over two decades ago by Los Angeles County holds the key to a substantial section of trail. That tract map is currently undergoing revisions and may soon provide a quality trail easement between the properties' east and west boundaries. Along the eastern Charmlee border, staff is awaiting a trail easement dedication from a private development and hopes to complete the sale of tax defaulted parcel that abuts Encinal Canyon Road. West of Charmlee, the recent Von Furstenberg donation provided an access easement to Decker Canyon Road just offset from the Ben Saltsman Trailhead.

The work objective of the proposed grant is to secure additional easement and fee simple trail alignment within the geographic scope of this grant. For those portions, existing or proposed, but located in unincorporated area to apply to Los Angeles County for a Coastal Development Permit(s) for trail construction and to potentially construct and sign one or two short sections of trail.