



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 9, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing sale of an approximately 967-square-foot portion of 2826-025-905 to Southern California Edison related to the I-5 HOV and Truck Lane Project, Gavin Canyon, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board authorize sale of an approximately 967-square-foot portion of 2826-025-905 to Southern California Edison related to the I-5 HOV and Truck Lane Project, Gavin Canyon.

Background: On October 3, 2018, the Governing Board approved a sale of an approximately 770-square-foot portion of APN 2826-025-905 and a 5,600-square-foot temporary construction easement to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) between the State Route 14 interchange and the Parker Road interchange. To widen the I-5 Gavin Canyon bridge over The Old Road by MRCA's Santa Clarita Woodland Park, Metro requested the previously approved permanent easement and temporary construction easement. The value of the subject 11.26-acre parcel was appraised at \$8,000 per acre.

Staff has since been informed by Metro that Southern California Edison (SCE) will require an additional 967-square-foot permanent easement in order to underground SCE and AT&T lines. At either end of the undergrounding the SCE and AT&T lines will return to an aerial location along the existing pole line. New vaults are not planned to be installed within SMMC/MRCA property.

Metro's previous offer of \$2,500 total for the two previously approved easements is sufficient to incorporate the currently requested 967-square-foot easement without exceeding the total per acre valuation.

Prior proposals by Caltrans regarding this land transfer and environmental impacts to compensate for 4f impacts remains in effect. This separate compensation would

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help address restoration for temporary construction easement impacts and fund land acquisition. The funding would most likely be memorialized in an agreement and be provided via an in lieu fee payment to the MRCA.

Staff has not determined that the bridge widening would substantially diminish the ability for wildlife to use the area under the Gavin Canyon (The Old Road) bridge to move between the San Gabriel and Santa Susana Mountains. Staff will make every effort to shape the project to maximize wildlife movement potential.