

MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of approximately 136 acres from the Trust for Public Land (APNs 4472-005-003, 4472-005-004, 4472-005-010, 4472-006-001, 4472-006-003 and 4472-006-012), Arroyo Sequit watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of approximately 136 acres from the Trust for Public Land (APNs 4472-005-003, 4472-005-004, 4472-005-010, 4472-006-001, 4472-006-003 and 4472-006-012) in the upper Arroyo Sequit watershed.

<u>Background</u>: The Trust for Public Land is close to acquiring a 136-acre ownership in the upper Arroyo Sequit watershed that would close a protected land gap between a large National Park Service ownership and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) Little Sycamore Canyon Preserve holding. The property includes a broad network of USGS blueline stream channels. One narrow parcel extends south to contact Mulholland Highway. The resource value of the property highly significant. There is no road or trail access to the property and thus virtually no maintenance required. The whole property burned in the Woolsey fire last November. This action is being brought to the Governing Board to assure project funders that the MRCA is a willing take out agency for the property.