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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 5, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(n): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 0.17 acres, APN 5306-006-007, El Sereno, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of approximately 0.17 acres, APN 5306-006-007, El Sereno, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The owner of an approximately 0.17-acre property in the Elephant Hill habitat block has offered to donate fee title of their property to the MRCA for preservation as open space. The subject parcel is located in an area that contains valuable oak and walnut woodland. The parcel is undeveloped open space land located in the northern portion of Elephant Hill, in the El Sereno neighborhood of City of Los Angeles, within the Arroyo Seco Watershed. See attached map. The parcel is located nearby to a block of parcels that are already publicly-owned by the City of Los Angeles and MRCA, and will help to achieve a primary objective of the Elephant Hill Open Space project's strategic vision for acquisition of open space by enlarging outward contiguous public lands. MRCA currently owns just over five acres at Elephant Hill that adjoin parcels owned by the City of Los Angeles, which combined create a 20-acre publicly owned block.

The property would make a fine addition to the Elephant Hill Open Space area and potentially elicit future donations. Staff are working on a title report to be prepared by the MRCA's preferred title company and company agent.

The MRCA does not do fuel modification in the subject area and permits adjoining residents to perform the clearance on its property. The subject property is well positioned to avoid illegal dumping and its associated cleanup up costs.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize the acceptance of donation of approximately 0.17-acre of land in the in the Elephant Hill habitat block.