



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: June 5, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the acquisition of APNs 4436-023-009, 4436-021-039 and 040 (approximately 42 acres) using mitigation funding, and (b) acceptance of private funds for said acquisition, Topanga Skyline area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 4436-023-009, 4436-021-039 and 040 in the Topanga Skyline area using mitigation and private funding and the acceptance of private funds for said acquisition.

Background: The owner of the subject three contiguous parcels that abut both Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Mountains Restoration Trust open space has offered to sell the parcels at a steep discount if they can be acquired by June 27<sup>th</sup> this year. The price and terms can be discussed in closed session.

The properties are part of the upper Topanga Canyon watershed and contain a trail that leads to the Summit to Summit Motorway trail on MRCA land. With the right combination of available private donations and use of a small pot of eligible mitigation funding, the unique opportunity to acquire these properties should not be lost. The one maintenance issue is that an unknown operation with shipping containers travels on the private dirt road through two of the subject parcels to reach an adjacent private property.