



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 18-150 additionally authorizing the fee simple sale of a less than 0.1-acre portion of APN 5570-021-905 and fee simple acceptance of an equal or greater area of APN 5570-024-063 to address an encroachment from 7721 Firenze Avenue, Briar Summit Open Space Preserve, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution amending resolution 18-150 to additionally authorize fee simple sale of a portion of APN 5570-021-905 and accept a fee simple portion of APN 5570-024-063.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) acquired the 52-acre Briar Summit Open Space in 2002. The acquisition was funded by Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Los Angeles County Proposition A, State Proposition 40, and private funds. Post-MRCA ownership, the long time homeowner of 7721 Firenze Drive constructed a small study on pillars approximately 30 feet into MRCA property. Pre-MRCA ownership, a chain fence was constructed on the property for the full 225 foot width of the lot. The furthest fence encroachment distance into MRCA property is approximately 35 feet. In the process of selling their house, the current owners brought the studio encroachment to the attention of staff to work out a resolution to keep the studio.

In September 2018, MRCA adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of an easement over an approximately 0.1-acre or smaller portion of APN 5570-021-905 to address an encroachment from the parcel at 7721 Firenze Avenue (APN 5570-024-063). Now, staff recommends the fee simple sale of that 0.1-acre portion of APN 5570-021-905 and fee simple acceptance of an equal or greater area of APN 5570-024-063.

Note: the APN in resolution 18-150 was incorrect. Correct APN is 5570-024-063, not 5570-063-024.