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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: July 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIX: Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the acquisition of APNs 4438-017-008, 011, 012 and 4438-036-001 (approximately 46 acres) using mitigation funding, and (b) acceptance of private funds for said acquisition, Old Topanga Canyon area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 4438-017-008, 011, 012 and 4438-036-001 in the Old Topanga Canyon area using mitigation and private funding and the acceptance of private funds for said acquisition.

Background: The owner of the subject four contiguous parcels has offered to sell the parcels at a steep discount if they can be acquired during the early summer of this year. The price and terms can be discussed in closed session.

The properties are part of the upper Topanga Canyon watershed and contain dense chaparral habitat with riparian vegetation throughout approximately 1,400 linear feet of blueline stream. 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 properties are isolated and should require no maintenance.