



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 6, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 2.5 acres, APN 3236-003-003, Fairmont Butte area of Antelope Valley, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board authorize acceptance of a donation of approximately 2.5 acres, APN 3236-003-003, Fairmont Butte area of Antelope Valley, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The subject property is located just north of State Park's Antelope Valley Poppy Preserve and just east of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's multi-hundred-acre Fairmont Butte ownership. The parcel includes a key section of a blueline stream with major archeological significance. Multiple agencies and the Archeological Conservancy have a longstanding goal of permanently protecting this water course and creating a protected lands connection between the Poppy Preserve and Fairmont Butte. The attached figure shows both the relationship of the subject parcel to these existing public lands and a close up of the water course winding through the parcel. Because the property is steep and away from roads it should not add a maintenance burden from dumping. The MRCA has a small but permanent funding source to patrol the Fairmont Butte area. A ranger inspection is scheduled prior to the November 6th Governing Board meeting.

The property has long been owned by a family that values the resources of area. The family wants to donate the property free and clear to the MRCA.