



# 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 X: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 75 contiguous acres, APN's 055-0-140-071 (72.61 acres, Ventura County) and 3272-019-015 (2.14 acres, Los Angeles County), San Martinez Grande Canyon area of unincorporated Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board authorize acceptance of a donation of approximately 75 contiguous acres, APNs 055-0-140-071 (72.61 acres, Ventura County) and 3272-019-015 (2.14 acres, Los Angeles County), San Martinez Grande Canyon area of unincorporated Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Background: The two subject parcels straddle the Los Angeles and Ventura county line in the Santa Clara River watershed. The W. M. Keck Foundation is interested in donating the parcels totaling 75 acres. The north-facing parcels drain into the San Martinez Grande Canyon tributary of the Santa Clara River. They actually form the headwaters of the tributary. The parcels are inaccessible by vehicle with the exception of the southeast corner of APN 055-0-140-071 which is tangential to a poorly maintained dirt road. The rugged north slope habitat of both parcels appears completely undisturbed and supporting a high quality combination of chaparral and coastal sage scrub vegetation. The property is wholly within one of the South Coast Missing Linkages connections as shown on the attached figure. North of the parcel there is an extensive dirt road system from both old and current oil extraction operations. The parcels are upslope from any nearby oil operations. A ranger inspection is scheduled prior to the November 6<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting. The property would require no maintenance or patrol.