

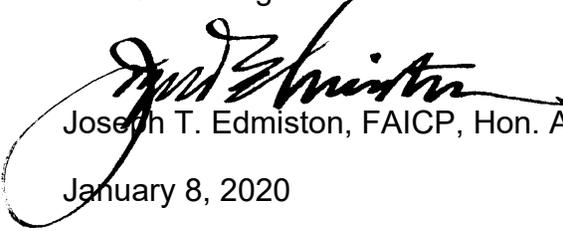


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 8, 2020

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 0.5 acres, APNs 2072-031-009 and 2072-031-010, Old Topanga Canyon area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board authorize acceptance of a donation of approximately 0.5 acres, APNs 2072-031-009 and 2072-031-010 along Old Topanga Canyon Road in the Dry Creek Canyon watershed.

Background: The two subject contiguous parcels abut Old Topanga Canyon Road on the Los Angeles River watershed side of the Santa Monica Mountains. They do not touch public open space but such public land is within a few hundred feet in all compass directions. The north slope chaparral vegetation is well developed and a key part of a scenic viewshed and an important Los Angeles River tributary (Dry Creek Canyon) watershed. The property has been inspected by staff and no issues were apparent. No structures are located within 200 feet to necessitate any brushing. The ten feet of required road side brushing is entirely within the County road right of way. In short, the subject properties would be an exceptional, maintenance free, addition of protected lands within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.