



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 4, 2020

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance from the County of Los Angeles a transfer of approximately 3.4 acres, APNs 4473-020-900, 901, 902, 903 at El Sol Beach, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance from the County of Los Angeles a transfer of approximately 3.4 acres, APNs 4473-020-900, 901, 902, and 903 at El Sol Beach, City of Malibu.

Background: The subject 3.4 acre property consisting of four lots (APNs 4473-020-900-900, 901, 902, and 903) is located within the City of Malibu, approximately 0.7 mile east of San Nicholas Canyon Beach and approximately 0.9 mile west of El Pescador State Beach. The subject property is commonly known as El Sol Beach. The northernmost parcel adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) contains an east-west oriented paved driveway that connects to the PCH. A large bluff top area lies on the western portion of the property, adjacent to the south of the driveway. Steeply sloping terrain dominates the landscape below the blufftop, while a wide sandy beach dominates the southern portion of the property at the toe of the slopes.

The County of Los Angeles acquired El Sol Beach in 1976 under an Order of Condemnation using funds from the State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1974. The use of the property is restricted to outdoor recreation consistent with the purposes of the Bond Act of 1974. The County intended to provide public beach access and recreational amenities such as a restroom, picnic facilities, and a parking lot at the subject property. However, the County has not implemented these improvements as the County worked to implement coastal access projects at other beaches in Malibu over the years.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has extensive experience in planning, implementing, and managing coastal public access throughout Malibu and would be able to carry out the public access and recreational purposes of the property as initially acquired by the County. In light of this, the County has agreed to quitclaim El Sol Beach to the MRCA.