



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 4, 2020

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of agricultural easement, approximately 16 acres, over portions of APN 4455-028-044 in unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 16-acre agricultural easement over a portion of APN 4455-028-044 in the Stokes Canyon watershed.

Background: Malibu Valley Farms owns a number of parcels located east of Las Virgenes Road and north of Mulholland Highway at the City of Calabasas boundary. A coastal development permit (CDP) application from Malibu Valley Farms to the California Coastal Commission was addressed at a Commission hearing in 2007. That application included an approximately 16-acre area to be recorded by a public agency for an agricultural easement (see attached map and Commission findings). The only development allowed in the easement area is the livestock fencing that existed at the time and the restoration, protection, and enhancement of native habitat and/or sensitive resources. Further allowed uses include maintaining livestock, agricultural production activities, and agricultural support facilities directly related to the cultivation of food, fiber, and ornamental plants. The Commission required recordation of the easement as a CDP condition.

The applicant has prepared the attached draft Agricultural Easement Deed modeled from the MRCA conservation easement template and a plotted, engineer stamped, metes and bounds legal description. Staff will make modifications to this provided draft as necessary.

The portion of MRCA's King Gillette Ranch holding located north of Mulholland Highway abuts the east boundary of the proposed agricultural easement. The permanent protection of 16 ecologically prime acres in the Malibu Creek watershed is substantial public benefit. The easement boundary is also shown on an attached aerial photo map. Staff may request that some processing costs be covered by Malibu Valley Farms.