



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 2, 2020

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of mitigation payment for settlement of California Coastal Commission enforcement action (V-5-19-0109) in Topanga State Park and vicinity.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of mitigation payment for settlement of California Coastal Commission enforcement action (V-5-19-0109) in Topanga State Park and vicinity.

Background: The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) conducted unpermitted grading inside and outside of the Coastal Zone Boundary both within and just outside Topanga State Park. As part of a Coastal Commission Restoration Order (No. CCC-20-RO-02), the Commission has required DWP to pay the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) \$1,100,000 for the express purpose of acquiring property of similar ecological value in the Santa Monica Mountains to protect its ecological value in perpetuity for the people of California. Staff will work with the Coastal Commission staff to assess eligible properties.