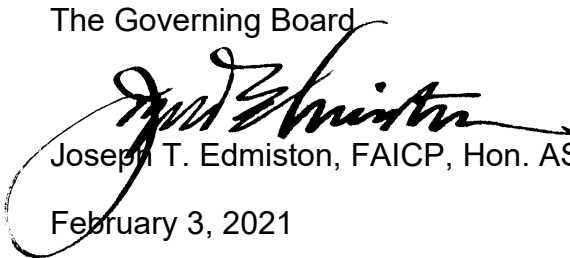


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 3, 2021

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(j): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 9.4-acre parcel (APN 315-013-09) adjacent to Chino Hills State Park, Carbon Canyon, City of Brea.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 9.4-acre parcel (APN 315-013-09) in Carbon Canyon and transfer to Chino Hills State Park.

Background: The subject 9.4-acre property adjacent to Chino Hills State Park (CHSP) is a high priority acquisition for the State Park system. Unfortunately, State Parks is currently not adding more lands. However, there is pending legislation to permit CHSP to add additional lands. A local non-profit, Hills for Everyone, for several years has been seeking an agency willing to accept the subject property as a donation from a patient donor that continues to pay property tax. The donor's patience has run its course.

The property contains significant walnut woodland and a section of Carbon Canyon Creek. From a management perspective the property is not accessible for dumping or off road vehicle use. The property helps meet the requirements of a longstanding unfulfilled settlement agreement between Hills for Everyone, State Parks and the Metropolitan Water District which required the acquisition of walnut woodlands. Several hundred walnut trees are on the property. The settlement necessitated compliance by 2018 which has since passed.

The MRCA can play a vital role in meeting the Governor's 30% by 2030 land protection executive order by accepting the donation of the subject property. Hills for Everyone will reimburse the MRCA for the cost of the title report.