



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 3, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) entering into a modified Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District that adds APNs 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 008, and 009 to Project Agreement No. 58L2-06-2091 for the Agua Dulce - Soledad Canyon area; (b) payment of said funds into escrow held by the Riverside Land Conservancy, and (c) acquisition of said parcels.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) entering into a modified Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District that adds APNs 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 008, and 009 to Project Agreement No. 58L2-06-2091 for the Agua Dulce - Soledad Canyon area; (b) payment of said funds into escrow held by the Riverside Land Conservancy, and (c) acquisition of said parcels.

Background: These parcels in the Agua Dulce-Soledad Canyon are part of a critical habitat linkage between the north and south sides of State Route 14.

The Governing Board adopted Res No. 06-72 on May 3, 2006 that authorized entering into a \$300,000 Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for many related parcels in the 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County. New opportunities and research led to a need to add four parcels to this existing Project Agreement. Approximately \$220,000 of the funding has been spent on acquisitions made over a year ago.

APNs 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 008, and 009 abut the approved cluster of parcels, and became available for sale by the private owner. The four subject parcels are located just south of State Route 14 at Agua Dulce Road. The Riverside Land Conservancy contacted all of the owners in the area and the owner of the parcels is a willing seller. The Riverside Land Conservancy has a contract to purchase all four parcels. The funding package includes a grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, MRCA Proposition 12, Santa Clarita Watershed

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Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the City of Santa Clarita. The last piece is approximately \$80,000 of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Proposition A Excess Funds that are addressed in this action. The MRCA must have a resolution in place authorizing entering into a Project Agreement for the Board of Supervisors to take action on the whole package or parcels.

The proposed action authorizes modifying the existing Project Agreement which is a prerequisite for the MRCA to use Proposition A Excess Funds on projects.