



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: August 5, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of Proposition A funds including the acceptance of a Third Supervisorial District 2009 Competitive Natural Land for Trails Grant Program grant for the acquisition of a conservation and trail easement over an approximately 3.9 acre portion of APN 4453-027-004 in Carbon Canyon, unincorporated Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the use of Proposition A funds, including the acceptance of a Third Supervisorial District 2009 Competitive Natural Land for Trails Grant Program grant and entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, for the acquisition of a conservation and trail easement over an approximately 3.9 acre portion of APN 4453-027-004 in Carbon Canyon, unincorporated Malibu.

Background: The subject parcel is located in the middle of an approximately twenty-two-parcel-long chain of properties forming the proposed Coastal Slope Trail corridor between the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's Tuna Canyon Park (east end) and Sweetwater Mesa open space dedication that extends eastward from Malibu Creek State Park. This alignment was designed by the National Park Service staff.

Less than three weeks ago the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorized adding every parcel in the trail segment to an existing Project Agreement for Coastal Slope Trail properties between Corral and Ramirez Canyons. The subject owner has been a willing seller for over a year and has agreed to a bargain sale. An appraisal is completed for all of the subject parcels and trail easements. An appraisal review is underway.

Staff has inspected the proposed 3.9-acre easement area along the northern project boundary and finds it to provide good conditions for a trail, scenic trail corridor, and habitat in the Carbon Canyon watershed including small drainage. The attached

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figure shows the context of the conservation easement with a floating trail easement and a probable trail alignment.

Funding for the acquisition would come from a recently awarded \$500,000 Third Supervisorial District 2009 Competitive Natural Land for Trails Grant and from Proposition A Excess Funds in the above described Project Agreement.