



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 5, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIV: Consideration of resolution authorizing the use Proposition A funds to acquire APN 4460-014-008 in Escondido Canyon for the Coastal Slope Trail, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the use Proposition A funds to acquire APN 4460-014-008 in Escondido Canyon for the Coastal Slope Trail.

Background: The subject 1.21-acre parcel in Escondido Canyon contains an important sliver of the Coastal Slope Trail. The attachment map shows how the trail alignment along portions of a private street on the County Assessor's map bisects the northern tip of the property. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is working with the same owner to acquire a connecting easement between the subject parcel and Escondido Canyon Park. The property contains high quality chaparral and coastal sage scrub vegetation. No fuel modification is required. The sellers driveway and retaining wall would not be part of the acquired rights.

The parcel is part of a Board of Supervisors approved Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. The MRCA appraised the property approximately one and a half years ago and will update the appraisal. The funding would be Proposition A Excess Funds tied to the Project Agreement. The funding amount to be discussed in closed session will be a not to exceed number.