



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 6, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) acceptance of assignment of Proposition A funds for Escondido Canyon Acquisition from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132); (b) entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; and (c) acquisition of 31 lots in an unincorporated area of Escondido Canyon totaling approximately 98 acres.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) acceptance of assignment of Proposition A funds for Escondido Canyon Acquisition from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132); (b) entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; and (c) acquisition of 31 lots in an unincorporated area of Escondido Canyon totaling approximately 98 acres.

Background: In 1994 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) entered into Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132 with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the acquisition of property in Escondido Canyon. Slightly over \$200,000 remains in that grant. The Conservancy staff has agreed to take an item to the Conservancy this month to authorize the assignment of said funding to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the acquisition of 31 lots totaling 98 acres in Escondido Canyon. The proposed action would authorize the acceptance of that funding assignment and authorize entering into a new Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. The attached resolution includes the 31 APNs.

MRCA Resolution No. 12-154 (November 7, 2013) also authorized entering into a project agreement for these same 31 parcels. MRCA Resolution No. 12-155 (November 7, 2013) also authorized acquisition of this same 31 parcels. This action may be duplicative but is partially done under caution because it introduces a new source of Proposition A funding into the acquisition mix.