

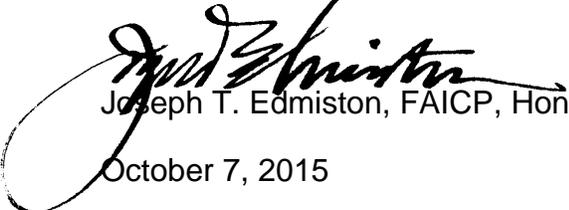


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 7, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of funds from SMM-84-1320 and SMM-84-1165 to acquire parcels in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement 2718, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the use of funds from SMM-84-1320 and SMM-84-1165 to acquire parcels in Los Angeles River and Elephant Hill areas of Los Angeles in Chapter 8 Agreement 2718.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has historically entered into many Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire tax defaulted properties. The MRCA has acquired over 1,500 acres through this process.

Three parcels were pulled from the 2014B auction in May 2014. Los Angeles County Tax Collector's Office recently sent Chapter 8 Agreement 2718 to MRCA staff for processing. A brief description of the parcel follows along with attached aerial photograph with the parcel boundaries.

Elephant Hill area

The two Elephant Hill parcels (APNs 5307-003-021 and 022) are important for the MRCA's long term plan to acquire, protect, and provide access to to much needed open space in the El Sereno neighborhood of Los Angeles. These two parcels are near one prominent vista point in the undeveloped area, and also overlay with an existing unpaved road that could be used for an important north-south trail.

Los Angeles River

The Los Angeles River parcel (APN 5445-012-009) is important to provide multiple points of access into and throughout the Los Angeles River Recreation Zone (LARRZ). Currently, the only legal access points exist at either end of the LARRZ in Elysian Valley. Additional future access points in between will allow the MRCA the

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opportunity to provide access that will allow River trips to vary in length and location to start and stop. This also AIDS public safety by MRCA having fee title ownership and the added rights obligated to property owners aiding River access.