



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: September 6, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 16.3 acres of land, portion of APN 2848-005-016, 15200 Iron Canyon Road, Santa Clarita area of Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 16.3 acres of land, portion of APN 2848-005-016, 15200 Iron Canyon Road, Santa Clarita area of Los Angeles County.

Background: Mr. Robert A. Stevenson and Ms. Lynne M. Stevenson have offered to the MRCA a 16.3 acre donation of open space land. The owners have an approved subdivision in the Sand Canyon area, Santa Clarita area of Los Angeles County. They are offering "Lot 9", an open space lot that directly borders Angeles National Forest. The estate lot subdivision is configured so that any brushing obligations would be contained within the private lots. The Stevenson's have indicated that they want the land to be preserved in perpetuity, but would have no objection to a future transfer to another like-minded conservation agency such as the Forest Service or the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority. If the MRCA chooses not to accept, the lot would be owned by a Homeowners Association.

The open space area is good quality coastal sage scrub habitat, and may provide breeding habitat for the California Gnatcatcher. The recent Placerita Canyon/Sand Canyon fire did not affect this property.

A large aerial map will be available at the Governing Board meeting.