



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Governing Board

**FROM:**   
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**DATE:** August 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the acceptance of private funds in the amount of \$50,000 to be used to acquire an option to purchase APN 694-210-500, Encinal Canyon, unincorporated Ventura County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of private funds to acquire an option to purchase 10 acres located in Encinal Canyon on the Etz Meloy Motorway, APNs 694-210-500, unincorporated Ventura County.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 *et seq* of the Government Code.

Background: The parcel contains important coastal habitat. The acquisition would protect coastal watershed and land resources and will facilitate development of an important link in the Backbone Trail. Acquisition of this parcel is a priority of National Park Service. The property provides and promotes access to and enjoyment of coastal resources of the state. The Mountains Conservancy Foundation Backbone Trail Fund has agreed to contribute the sum of \$50,000 to acquire the option.