



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 5, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of all or a portion of the following APNs totaling approximately 620 acres: 4457-005-010, 011, 016; 4457-013-013, 015, 029, 033, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 043, 044, 052, 053, 060, and 061, Corral Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of all or a portion of the following APNs totaling approximately 620 acres: 4457-005-010, 011, 016; 4457-013-013, 015, 029, 033, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 043, 044, 052, 053, 060, and 061, Corral Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The properties in question are virtually unspoiled habitat located in Corral Canyon north of the City of Malibu, extending from the boundary of Corral Canyon Park north to the public lands contiguous with Malibu Creek State Park. The parcels include several miles of blue line streams as well as a significant portion of the Coastal Slope Trail.

In addition to ensuring the preservation of this high value habitat and protecting the Corral Canyon watershed, it will also guarantee a wildlife corridor from Corral Canyon Park to Malibu Creek State Park. This has been a property of high interest for MRCA staff for some time. The owner has been in the process of securing entitlements for the parcels with the intent to develop.

Recently, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) was able to reach an agreement with the landowner regarding the sale of these parcels. TPL approached the MRCA about taking title to the property if funding could be secured.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission have all agreed to provide funding for this acquisition.

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TPL currently holds an option to purchase these properties from the present owner. This action would authorize the use of public funds for the acquisition of some of all of these parcels from TPL and would authorize staff to negotiate the terms of a purchase agreement and price.

Please see map for location.