



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 IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into grants with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission for the acquisition of all or a portion of the following APNs: 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.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into grants with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission for the acquisition of all or a portion of the following APNs: 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.

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 quite 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.

This action would allow the MRCA to enter into grant agreements with these agencies and would authorize accepting these grant funds under the terms of said grants for the acquisition of the parcels listed herein.

Please see the map attached to Item VIII for location.