

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: July 25, 2011

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution requesting transfer of control and jurisdiction from State Coastal Conservancy of APN 4458-009-900, 24038 Malibu Road, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution requesting transfer of control and jurisdiction from State Coastal Conservancy of APN 4458-009-900, 24038 Malibu Road, City of Malibu.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33203 and 33203.5 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: On October 21, 2010, the State Coastal Conservancy authorized the transfer of jurisdiction of the real property located at 24038 Malibu Road, APN 4458-009-900 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The property is the location of a proposed new public access way in Malibu that will allow the public to access Amarillo and Malibu Colony beaches. When completed, this project will be the only public access point between Malibu Lagoon State Park and Amarillo Beach.

On November 18, 2010, the Conservancy authorized entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the operation, management, and improvement of the Malibu Road Accessway. The State Coastal Conservancy granted funds to the MRCA for construction of the project, and MRCA is proceeding with implementing the project. The proposed transfer of control and jurisdiction will ensure that the property remains under State ownership.

The subject property is a vacant lot on the south side of Malibu Road in the City of Malibu. The project site is within the Coastal Zone, and is bounded by Malibu Road on the north and Amarillo Beach on the south. Currently, the project site consists of a gravel and dirt parking area, and a 30-foot beach-facing slope partially covered in riprap used for slope stability. Malibu Bluffs Park is approximately .25 mile northwest of the project site. Even in its unimproved condition, the site is used by surfers and kayakers who can navigate down the steep slope to reach the surf, and by others who want to stroll along the beach. Less adventurous visitors simply enjoy the view from the top of the bluff. The State Coastal Conservancy acquired the subject property in 2002 from a Coastal Act Offer to Dedicate.

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The proposed public access way, as designed, consists of a steel piling supported stairway with poured-in-place concrete walls, a viewing deck, a transparent fence, three parking spaces, installation of signage and a trash receptacle. The design for the stairway has undergone extensive review both for its feasibility and cost. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted by the State Coastal Conservancy on August 8, 2002, and the project was approved by the Office of the State Architect for compliance with wheelchair accessibility. In March 2009, the City of Malibu issued a Coastal Development Permit for construction of the project.