

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: December 3, 2012

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to acquire APN 4444-030-010 in the Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to acquire APN 4444-030-010 in the Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Legislative Authority: Section 33211(c) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector's office held the 2012a public auction on October 22 and 23, 2012 to sell tax defaulted properties within Los Angeles County. One parcel, APN 4444-030-010, was purchased for the minimum bid of \$15,179.55.

This parcel, totaling 2.33 acres, is located at the southern end of Henry Ridge, which is the watershed divide between Old Topanga and the Topanga Canyon watersheds. A map is attached.

The MRCA's use of each CHIMF expenditure must be approved by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The MRCA holds and expends these mitigation funds that can only be spent within in the Coastal Zone boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains.

The MRCA seeks Conservancy approval to pay for this property.