

## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 25, 2013

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution assigning the rights to apply for Proposition A Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of 525 acres (APNs 2063-004-023, 024 and 025) in the Triunfo Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution assigning the rights to apply for \$4,100,600 of Proposition A Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of 525 acres (APNs 2063-004-023, 024 and 025) in the Triunfo Canyon watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: Los Angeles County Proposition A in 1996 included funding for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) in the Third Supervisorial District. For entities other than the Conservancy to expend those funds, the Conservancy must officially authorize the assignment of those funds to an entity in a specific dollar amount and for a specific purpose.

The Third District, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), and the Conservancy staff all desire for Third District 1996 Specified Excess Funds to be used for the acquisition of 525 acres in the Triunfo Canyon watershed on the south-facing slope of Lady face Mountain. The property was added to the Conservancy's Acquisition Workprogram in 2000.

The MRCA authorized application for those funds in the attached MRCA staff report from February 2013. That MRCA staff report describes the this property. One current attachment shows the extent of the property and a second NPS attachment shows existing multi-agency trail plans and how the subject property provides the land necessary for a trail spur from Westlake Village to the Zuma Ridge Trail along Kanan Dume Road.