

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 25, 2013

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 16 - Consideration of resolution assigning the rights to apply for Proposition A residual Specified Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of 31 parcels totaling 86 acres in Escondido Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution assigning the rights to apply for \$200,295 of Proposition A residual Specified Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of 31 parcels totaling 86 acres in Escondido Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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

Background: Los Angeles County Proposition A in 1992 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 \$200,295 of Third District 1992 Specified Funds encumbered within existing Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement 58A1-94-0132 for Escondido Canyon Acquisition be used by the MRCA to acquire 31 parcels totaling 86 acres in Escondido Canyon. Expenditure of this amount would close out this Conservancy Project Agreement that dates back to 1994. 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 November 2012. That MRCA staff report describes the subject property. A aerial photograph of the property is also attached.