

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: December 9, 2013

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 11: Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A Funding to acquire approximately 6.28-acre parcel APN 4448-018-018 (1809 Tuna Canyon Road), adjacent Rocky Ledge, Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A Funding to acquire an approximately 6.28-acre parcel, APN 4448-018-018 (1809 Tuna Canyon Road), adjacent to Rocky Ledge, in Topanga Canyon watershed, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject 6.28-acre property is bordered on the south by Dix Canyon Creek, a blueline stream, and bordered on the north by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) 20.66-acre Rocky Ledge property, acquired in January, 2011. (See attached map.)

The MRCA has acquired funding for the acquisition of this property, including Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds (CHIMF), Proposition 62 funds, and Proposition A funds. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy approved the use of CHIMF funding for this project on June 3, 2013 (resolution No. 13-42). Conservancy authorization is required in order for the MRCA to apply for the subject Proposition A Excess funds.

If the acquisition is completed, the MRCA would be the fee simple property owner and the management entity.