

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: December 9, 2013

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of right to apply for Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the approximately 416 acre Decker Canyon acquisition, incorporated and unincorporated Malibu area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing the assignment of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's right to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A Funding to acquire the approximately 416-acre Decker Canyon acquisition (APNs 4472-018-007; 4472-024-005, 007, 008; 4472-023-007, 008; 4473-004-002 and 003) in both the incorporated and unincorporated Malibu areas.

Background: The subject properties comprise an approximately 416-acre ownership in the Decker Canyon watershed, and fall within the Conservancy's Los Alisos Canyon-Upper Workprogram project. This ownership abuts Leo Carrillo State Park to the west, and Decker Canyon Camp to the northeast. The Coastal Slope Trail crosses through five of the eight subject parcels. The dominant vegetation type is chaparral with extensive riparian vegetation included in a long section of Decker Canyon Creek.

The MRCA has acquired funding for the acquisition of this property, including Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds (CHIMF). The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy approved the use of CHIMF funding for this project on November 4, 2013 (resolution No. 13-27). Conservancy authorization is required in order for the MRCA to apply for the subject Proposition A Excess funds.

The MRCA would be the fee simple property owner and the management entity for each property acquired.