

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: April 28, 2014

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 16: Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for Proposition A Big Five Specified Excess Funds for the Escondido Canyon - Stone properties to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, unincorporated Malibu area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution assigning the rights to apply for \$535,000 of Proposition A Big Five Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of 77.43 acres (APNs 4465-004-053 and 4465-005-006) in the Escondido Canyon watershed.

Legislative Authority: Section 33211 of Public Resources Code.

Background: At its March 24, 2014 meeting the Conservancy authorized a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the acquisition of 77.43 acres (APNs 4465-004-053 and 4465-005-006) in the Escondido Canyon watershed in the unincorporated Malibu area. The acquisition is proposed to be funded by that Conservancy grant, Proposition A funds, and Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund.

For the MRCA to use Proposition A funding in the Santa Monica Mountains, the Conservancy must authorize assigning the right to apply for said funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to the MRCA.

The proposed action would assign the right to apply for \$535,000 of 3rd Supervisorial District Proposition A Big Five Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of APNs 4465-004-053 and 4465-005-006 in Escondido Canyon and a sliver of Ramirez Canyon. A map of the two subject parcels is attached.