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Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: July 28, 2014

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Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition A Third Supervisorial District funds to (a) Mountains Restoration Trust Cold Creek Old Topanga Acquisition project; (b) Trust for Public Land-Malibu Creek Watershed Phase II acquisition project; and (c) Trust for Public Land Upper Ramirez Canyon Phase III acquisition project; unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the three attached resolutions assigning the Conservancy's rights to apply for 3rd District Specified Excess Funds to (a) the Mountains Restoration Trust for the Cold Creek-Old Topanga Sisson properties; (b) the Trust for Public Land for the Malibu Creek Watershed Phase II properties; and (c) the Trust for Public Land for the Upper Ramirez Canyon Phase III properties.

Background: The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is the designated recipient of Proposition A Regional (Big Five) Excess Funds for projects in the Santa Monica Mountains under the 1996 Proposition. The 3rd Supervisorial District office of Los Angeles County desires to fund portions of three Santa Monica Mountains projects using said Excess Funds. The proposed action assigns the Conservancy's right to apply for the total subject funding amount of $2,175,000.

Attachments provide maps and details about the Cold Creek-Old Topanga Sisson properties (80 acres), the Malibu Creek Watershed properties (Triunfo Creek watershed) Phase II (47 acres), and Upper Ramirez Canyon Phase III properties (48 acres).

The amount of funding that the Conservancy would assign to each project is Cold Creek-Old Topanga Sisson properties (up to $1,215,000), Malibu Creek Watershed properties ($260,000), and Upper Ramirez Canyon Phase III properties ($700,000).