

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: July 23, 2018

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 10(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a transfer of jurisdiction from the California Department of Parks and Recreation of an approximately 0.28-acre beachfront property adjacent to 20516 Pacific Coast Highway and an approximately 0.15-acre beachfront property adjacent to 19812 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a transfer of jurisdiction from the California Department of Parks and Recreation of an approximately 0.28-acre beachfront property adjacent to 20516 Pacific Coast Highway and an approximately 0.15-acre beachfront property adjacent to 19812 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33003, 33201, 33203, 33203.5, 33211(c) of the Public Resources Code (Conservancy enabling legislation); Section 14673 of the Government Code (interjurisdictional transfer of State property) .

Background: The State of California, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) holds fee title to two beachfront properties located along Big Rock Beach in Malibu, California. The first property is approximately 0.28 acre and is located adjacent to 20516 Pacific Coast Highway. The second 0.15-acre property is located approximately 0.90-mile to the east, adjacent to 19812 Pacific Coast Highway. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) initially transferred jurisdiction of the subject properties to the Department of Parks and Recreation for public access purposes.

A coastal development permit has been filed for the 0.28-acre property adjacent to 20516 Pacific Coast Highway. The Malibu City Council is expected to act on its staff's recommendation to approve the permit on July 23, 2018 (today). The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is the permit applicant. The MRCA is currently coordinating with Caltrans, the California Coastal Commission, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy on a plan to implement public beach access at the 0.15-acre property adjacent to 19812 Pacific Coast Highway. Because the Conservancy and the MRCA has a long-standing partnership in developing and managing public access and open space in the Santa Monica Mountains, including Malibu, the transfer of jurisdiction of the subject properties from the CDPR to the Conservancy would allow for the efficient management of these sites by both

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the Conservancy and the MRCA.