

SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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CLARITA AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 6500 ET SEQ*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board



FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: January 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution authorizing partial assignment of Los Angeles County Proposition A Servicing and Maintenance funding to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to manage Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority-owned properties.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing partial assignment of Los Angeles County Proposition A Servicing and Maintenance funding to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to manage eligible Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority-owned properties.

Section 6(2)(A) in 2018 Los Angeles County Measure A (attached Page 16) allocates percentages of Maintenance and Servicing money to various entities. The total amount available will fluctuate based on the square feet of development area in the County. The Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (SCWRCA) is allocated 1.0 percent of the total pot. Currently staff's best deduction of that amount for 2019 dollars is approximately \$140,000 annually to SCWRCA for the maintenance and servicing of properties in which some of the capital funding came from either the 1992 or 1996 Proposition A measures.

Section 1.6 number 2 of the Grant Administration Manual for Measure A (attached) states,

"A city, the county, or a joint powers agency may assign a portion or all of its unexpended M & S funds to a nonprofit or other public agency to maintain a project funded by RPOSD. The duration of this assignment must also be defined."

The two attached maps show all of the fee simple land held by SCWRCA. Whitney Canyon Park is a standalone entity on one map and there are four distinct land clusters in

Agua Dulce Canyon and other tributaries of Soledad Canyon. Without question the 1,100-acre Rio Dulce property and the property at the northwest corner of the SR 14 and Agua Dulce Canyon Road were partially acquired with Proposition A funds. The Rio Dulce property includes the three separate APNs that nearly abut the Santa Clara River. Staff will provide a definitive answer at the meeting as to whether or not Whitney Canyon Park and the property at the south-west corner of the SR 14 and Agua Dulce Canyon Road were partially acquired with Proposition A funds. The City of Santa Clarita also owns properties in the vicinity of all these SCWRCA parcels.

If eligible, these funds could provide a means to pay minor SCWRCA administration costs such as the annual audit. If not eligible, it makes the most sense to fully fund the MRCA to provide servicing and maintenance on the subject properties, including resource protection activities. Once assigned to the MRCA, the MRCA would directly interface with the District.