

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: June 24, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing an amended Memorandum of Understanding with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, City of Santa Clarita, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for long-term management and conservation of open space parklands, including extending the term of the agreement.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the resolution authorizing the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), City of Santa Clarita, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the management, planning, and conservation of Whitney Canyon and other open space parklands in and around the City of Santa Clarita.

Background: The Governing Board authorized a Memorandum of Understanding in 2001 in anticipation of SCWRCA's acquisition of Whitney Canyon Park in the summer of 2002. MRCA has provided management of the property since that time. Additional open space lands in the vicinity have been acquired by MRCA and the City since the Whitney Canyon purchase, and future open space acquisitions are anticipated. The original five-year term of the MOU has expired; a longer term of ten years is recommended. Suggested revisions to the original MOU are underlined in the attached draft First Amendment to the MOU.