

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: May 21, 2018

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution adding Ladyface Mountain - East to Conservancy acquisition workprogram.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution adding Ladyface Mountain - East to Conservancy acquisition workprogram.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33208 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Conservancy submits an updated Workprogram figure as part of its Annual Report to the Governor. As property is protected by the Conservancy, another agency, or non-profit organization, it is removed from the Workprogram. The same is true when properties are developed and no longer can be saved. The Workprogram is a document easily amended to adjust to changing conditions or to address the absence of high priority parcels. Since the last major effort to revise the Acquisition Workprogram, the Conservancy has taken approximately a dozen actions involving scores of parcels to amend the document with properties added throughout its jurisdiction. The last such action taken was on March 22, 2018 to expand a project boundary, entitled, "Significant Ecological Area No. 6 - Las Virgenes South-West Ridge." That adjustment was made to include all parts of the Triangle Ranch project located east of Kanan Dume Road.

The Conservancy partially funded the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's 60-acre Phase One acquisition of the 320-acre Triangle Ranch which closed escrow this March. It is anticipated that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will request additional grant funding for Phases Two and Three of Triangle Ranch if Proposition 68 is approved by the voters this June. The proposed action adds the remaining portion of the Triangle Ranch property located west of Kanan Dume Road to the Workprogram with a new standalone project, entitled, "Ladyface Mountain - East." Phases Two and Four of the Triangle Ranch project are located west of Kanan Dume Road and would be one hundred percent located within this new project area. Currently south of the Agoura Road - Kanan Dume Road intersection, there is no development on either side of Kanan Dume Road for more than 0.8 miles. This entrance into the Medea Creek valley is a major gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The portion of Ladyface Mountain within the Ladyface Mountain - East project area also contains two Federally-listed plants.

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On March 22, 2018 the Conservancy also adopted a Project Plan that included the entirety of the 320-acre Triangle Ranch property.