

# MOORPARK WATERSHED PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

*A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY EXERCISING JOINT POWERS OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK AND THE SANTA  
MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6500 ET SEQ.*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Governing Board

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

**DATE:** March 30, 2017

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an open space parcel, APN 519-0-210-055, from the City of Moorpark.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of an open space parcel, APN 519-0-210-055, from the City of Moorpark at such time as the City deems appropriate, and that upon transfer the City will continue to provide any property management responsibility for the open space parcel.

Background: The City of Moorpark funded the acquisition of APN 519-0-210-055 in order to preserve it as protected open space and currently owns it in fee title. The parcel lies to the south of the City's incorporated boundary and is located immediately south of Tierra Rejada Road and immediately west of Moorpark Road (see attached maps).. Since the land is extra-territorial to the City, it would be of benefit to the City and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the Moorpark Watershed Parks, Recreation and Conservation Authority to accept this property as a first land acquisition by the joint powers agency. Having the joint powers agency as a partnering entity may encourage additional conservation purchases and possible land donations in and around the Moorpark area, in order to protect wildlife movement corridors, watershed, and habitat, and also allow for trails and other recreational uses.

The timing for a land transfer is at the City's discretion. Any land management activity would continue to be handled by the City informally or via a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the joint powers agency.