LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

July 21, 2009

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

AMEND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY'S PROJECT LIST PURSUANT TO SECTION (3), SUBSECTION (d) OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE COASTAL SLOPE TRAIL PROJECT IN MALIBU (THIRD DISTRICT - 3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will add 25 parcels to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's project list to acquire as part of the Coastal Slope Trail Project in Malibu. The parcels have been reviewed for their potential impact on County sanitary landfill sites, roads and highways, and conformity with County planning documents.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b) (4) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

2. Amend the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's project list, most recently amended by your Board on October 7, 2008, to add the acquisition of 201.39 acres in the Malibu area of the Santa Monica Mountains.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions would add 25 parcels totaling 201.39 acres of land, along Carbon Canyon Road and Rambla Pacifico east and west of Las Flores Canyon Road in the Malibu area, to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's (Conservancy) project list (Attachment A). The additional parcels, as well as the previously approved 12 parcels for the Coastal Slope Trail Project will add key sections to this regionally significant trail corridor and secure high quality coastal habitat and public viewshed.

On September 25, 2007, your Board approved the addition of 12 parcels in the Malibu area to the Conservancy's project list and funded $4,617,000 for the acquisition of parcels for the Coastal Slope Trail Project. The recommended actions will allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), the grantee for the project, to acquire some or all of the 25 parcels identified in the Attachment A.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by acquiring property for enhanced trails in the Malibu area of the Third District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact related to the requested actions, as the funding for the Coastal Slope Trail Project has already been approved and budgeted in the amount of $4,617,000, in the Third Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space Districts' Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that funds provided to the Conservancy be expended "solely for projects approved by the Board, pursuant to such criteria as the Board may, in its discretion, adopt," provided that those projects are identified in the Conservancy's annual work program transmitted to the Governor and State Legislature and as may be amended from time to time, after a noticed public hearing. Following these procedures, the additional parcels for the Coastal Slope Trail Project were added to the annual work program in September of 2000.

The 1996 Proposition further provides that your Board may disapprove a project within the boundaries of a city only upon a finding that the acquisition or improvement may impact access to or use of a site identified or proposed for present or future sanitary landfill purposes. In addition, your Board previously has adopted procedural requirements requiring a review of proposed Conservancy projects relative to their impact on existing or proposed highways, and their consistency with General or Area Plans.

The proposed acquisition project meets the procedural requirements of the 1996 Proposition and has been reviewed in accordance with the Conservancy's revised Procedural Guide, adopted by your Board on June 17, 1997.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has found that the proposed acquisitions would not negatively impact current or potential future County sanitary landfill sites (Attachment B).

In its review of any planned County roads or highways affecting the 25 additional parcels for the Coastal Slope Trail Project in the requested Board action, DPW made the following comments: Parcel Nos. 4453-007-010, 4453-027-004, 008, 009, 010, 011, and 012 front Rambla Pacifico, a rural highway on the Malibu/Santa Monica Mountains Area Plan, and as a result require two feet of additional right-of-way dedication plus additional slope easement and potential future easements for geological mitigation if needed. The Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority agrees to provide the requested easements. The remainder of the parcels does not impact County highways (Attachment C).

The Department of Regional Planning researched the list of proposed parcels for acquisition, consulted with County Counsel and expressed no reservations about the proposed acquisitions. However, three of the parcels are within an Environmental Sensitive Habitat Area and the development of these properties into parks may require review by the Environmental Review Board. Also, according to the Local Coastal Plan and Zoning Ordinance, development of any of these properties into parks is a conditional use and may require a Conditional Use Permit (Attachment D).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Your Board's approval of this recommendation will allow the MRCA more acquisition options for the Coastal Slope Trail Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is the lead agency for the Coastal Slope Trail Project.

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b) (4) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

Attachments

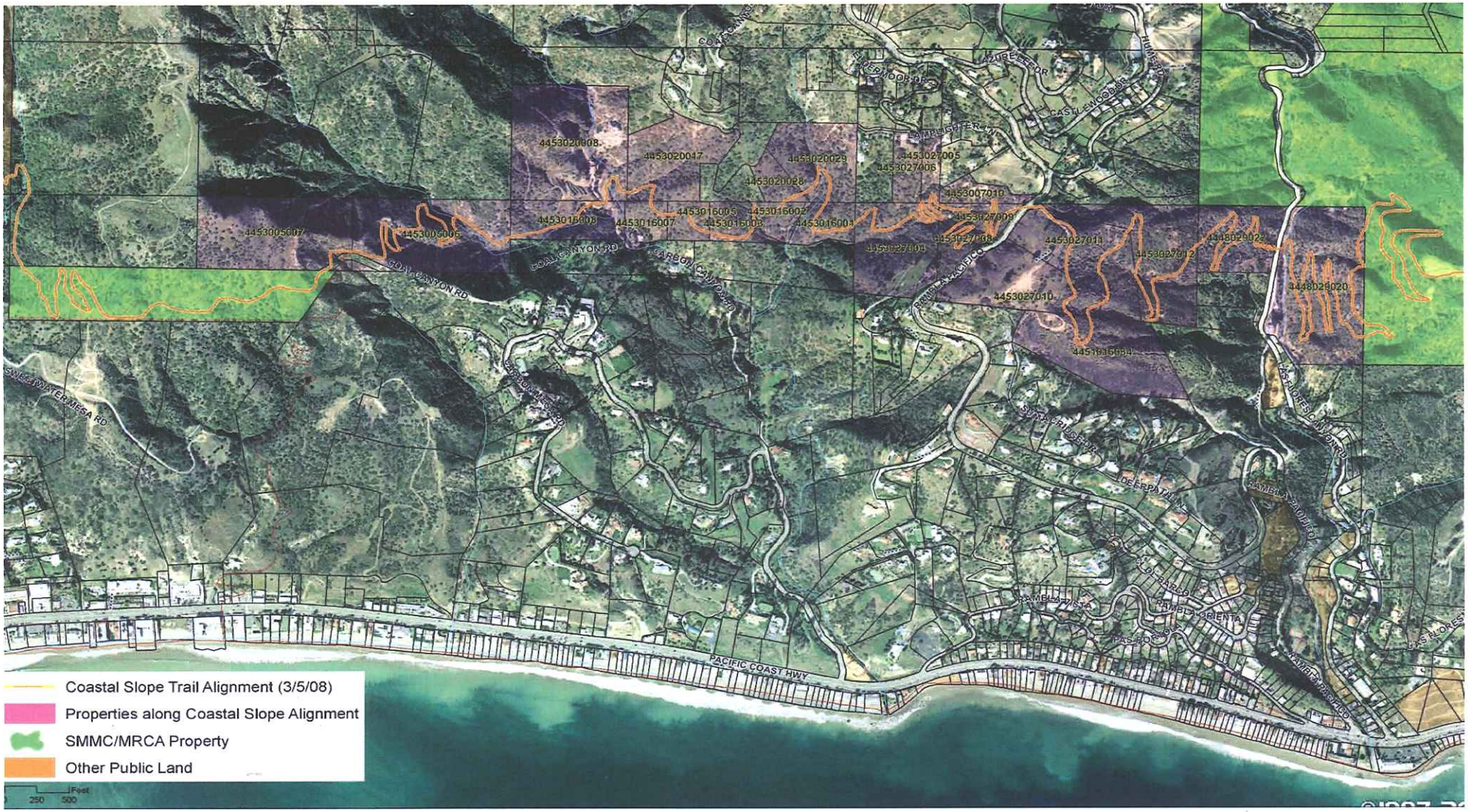
RG: IV: LB: REGIONALPARKANDOPENSPACEDISTRICT (COASTAL SLOPE TRAIL 2 BL)

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Acting County Counsel

MRCA 3rd District Coastal Slope Trail Parcels
March 2009

APN	Location	Fee/ Easement	Acres	Watershed
4448-029-020	East side of Las Flores Canyon Rd. at intersection with Rambla Pacifico St.	Fee	20.22	Las Flores
4448-029-022	West side of Las Flores Canyon Rd.; North of Rambla Pacifico St.	Fee	8.04	Las Flores
4451-016-034	Between Las Flores Canyon Rd. and Rambla Pacifico St.	Fee	14.09	Las Flores
4453-005-006 & 007 4453-005-093	West of Carbon Canyon Rd.; North of Coal Canyon Rd.	Fee	1.53	Carbon
4453-005-006 & 007 4453-005-094	West of Carbon Canyon Rd.; North of Coal Canyon Rd.	Fee	6.57	Carbon
4453-005-006 & 007 4453-005-096	West of Carbon Canyon Rd.; North of Coal Canyon Rd.	Fee	28.99	Unnamed/ Carbon
4453-007-010	West side of Rambla Pacifico St.; South of Lamplighter Ln.	Fee	2.46	Carbon
4453-016-001	Between Rambla Pacifico St. and Carbon Canyon Rd.	Fee	3.45	Carbon
4453-016-002	Between Rambla Pacifico St. and Carbon Canyon Rd.	Fee	2.26	Carbon
4453-016-003	Between Rambla Pacifico St. and Carbon Canyon Rd.	Fee	3.03	Carbon
4453-016-005	Between Rambla Pacifico St. and Carbon Canyon Rd.	Fee	2.46	Carbon
4453-016-007	East side of Carbon Canyon Rd. near Coal Canyon Rd.	Easement	2.74	Carbon
4453-016-008	West side of Carbon Canyon Rd. near Coal Canyon Rd.	Fee	6.71	Carbon
4453-020-008	Both sides of Carbon Canyon Rd.; North of Coal Canyon Rd.	Easement	20.02	Carbon
4453-020-017	East side of Carbon Canyon Rd. near Coal Canyon Rd.	Fee	10.18	Carbon
4453-020-028	Between Rambla Pacifico St. and Carbon Canyon Rd.	Fee	2.39	Carbon

4453-020-029	Between Rambla Pacifico St. and Carbon Canyon Rd.	Fee	8.73	Carbon
4453-027-004	West side of Rambla Pacifico St.; South of Lamplighter Ln.	Easement	11.36	Carbon
4453-027-005	West side of Rambla Pacifico St.; South of Lamplighter Ln.	Fee	1.98	Carbon
4453-027-006	West side of Rambla Pacifico St.; South of Lamplighter Ln.	Easement	3.04	Carbon
4453-027-008	West side of Rambla Pacifico St.; South of Lamplighter Ln.	Fee	2.92	Carbon
4453-027-009	West side of Rambla Pacifico St.; South of Lamplighter Ln.	Fee	2.57	Carbon
4453-027-010	Between Las Flores Canyon Rd. and Rambla Pacifico St.	Fee	10.59	Las Flores
4453-027-011	Between Las Flores Canyon Rd. and Rambla Pacifico St.	Fee	11.88	Las Flores
4453-027-012	Between Las Flores Canyon Rd. and Rambla Pacifico St.	Fee	13.18	Las Flores
Totals			**201.39**	



Coastal Slope Trail Alignment (3/5/08)
Properties along Coastal Slope Alignment
SMMC/MRCA Property
Other Public Land
Feet
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PACIFIC COAST HWY
COAL CANYON RD
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RAMBLA ORIENTA
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Attachment B

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE: EP-2

June 4, 2009

TO: Ilona Volkmann, Administrator
Department of Parks and Recreation

Attention Perlita Flores

FROM: Carlos Ruiz CR
Environmental Programs Division

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY'S REQUEST FOR A NEW ACQUISITION PROJECTS

As requested we have reviewed the proposed property acquisition by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Our review was limited to the impact of the proposed acquisition on the solid waste management system in the County of Los Angeles. Based on the information provided, we found that the proposed acquisition of the properties listed below will not negatively impact the solid waste management system.

Parcel Number	Parcel Number	Parcel Number
4448-029-020	4448-029-022	4451-016-034
4453-005-006	4453-005-007	4453-005-093
4453-005-094	4453-005-096	4453-007-010
4453-016-001	4453-016-002	4453-016-003
4453-016-005	4453-016-007	4453-016-008
4453-020-008	4453-020-017	4453-020-028
4453-020-029	4453-027-004	4453-027-005
4453-027-006	4453-027-008	4453-027-009
4453-027-010	4453-027-011	4453-027-012

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Mr. Wu Tan at (626) 458-2193, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WT:ca
P:sec\engineer\memo\SMMC Aquisition

Attachment C

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May 4, 2009

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE: LD-4

TO: Ilona Volkmann, Administrator
Department of Parks and Recreation

Attention Perlita Flores

FROM: for Dennis Hunter
Land Development Division
Department of Public Works

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY'S REQUEST FOR A NEW ACQUISITION PROJECTS

As requested, we reviewed the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's list of proposed acquisition projects as it relates to construction of any highway depicted on the County of Los Angeles Highway Plan. The following are our comments:

1. Assessor Parcel Nos. 4453-007-010, 4453-027-004, 4453-027-008, 4453-027-009, 4453-027-010, 4453-027-011, and 4453-027-012 front Rambla Pacifico, a rural highway (limited secondary 64 feet right of way) on the Malibu/Santa Monica Mountains Area Plan, and require two feet of additional right-of-way dedication plus additional slope easement and potential future easements for geological mitigation if needed due to landslide along the property frontage on Rambla Pacifico.

2. The remainder of the properties do not impact County highways.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Burger at (626) 458-4943 or by e-mail at sburger@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

Bruce W. McClendon FAICP
Director of Planning

Date: April 9, 2009

To: Ilona Volkmann
District Administrator
Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District

From: Nooshin Paidar, AICP NP
Supervising Regional Planner
Land Development Coordinating Center
Department of Regional Planning

REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT REVIEW: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Request For New Acquisition Projects, properties along Coastal Slope from east side of Las Flores Canyon Road to west of Carbon Canyon Road and north of Coal Canyon Road, March 2009

Pursuant to your request, my staff has researched the attached list of proposed parcels for acquisition.

The property with the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 4451-016-034 is located within the boundaries of the City of Malibu. We are not able to provide any zoning-related information regarding this property. Please contact the Planning Department of the City of Malibu.

For all other parcels, we have indicated the particular Plan in which each parcel is located, its Plan category, and its current zoning designation (see attached). There are no pending cases for any of these parcels.

The use of the parcels for open space is a consistent with the Area Plan designations and zoning categories for the various parcels. Our department does not have any objections to the proposed acquisitions, contingent upon the following condition:

- There are three parcels that are within an Environmental Sensitive Habitat Area. The development of these properties into parks in the future may require review by ERB (Environmental Review Board).
- According to the LCP and Zoning Ordinance, development of any of these properties into parks in the future is a conditional use and may require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

We have consulted with County Counsel regarding the information which we are providing.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Alice Wong of my staff at (213) 974-6470.

NP:aw

MRCA 3rd District Coastal Slope Trail Parcels, March 2009					
APN	Plan	Plan Category	Zoning Designation	Environmental Area	Pending Case
4448-029-020	Malibu Local Coastal Program (LCP)	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	ESHA	(none)
4448-029-022	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4451-016-034	(City of Malibu)				
4453-005-006	(Per Assessor's records, this APN has changed)				
4453-005-007	(Per Assessor's records, this APN has changed)				
4453-005-093	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-005-094	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-005-096	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 3 (Rural Land I; 1 du per 10 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-007-010	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-016-001	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-016-002	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-016-003	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-016-005	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-016-007	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 4 (Rural Land II; 1 du per 5 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-016-008	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 4 (Rural Land II; 1 du per 5 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	ESHA	(none)
4453-020-008	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	ESHA	(none)
4453-020-017	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-020-028	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-020-029	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-027-004	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 4 (Rural Land II; 1 du per 5 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-027-005	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-027-006	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-027-008	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-027-009	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-027-010	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-027-011	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
4453-027-012	Malibu Local Coastal Program	M2 (Mountain Land; 1 du per 20 acres); 5 (Rural Land III; 1 du per 20 acres)	A-1-1 (Light agriculture; 1 AMRA)	(none)	(none)
Acronyms:	du- dwelling unit				
	AMRA- Acre Minimum Required Area				