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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: October 6, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XVI: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 2.9 acres, APNs 2513-033-006, 007 and 008, San Fernando. Negotiating parties: Joseph T. Edmiston and Richard Dunn: Under consideration: price and terms.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 2.9 acres, APNs 2513-033-006, 007 and 008, San Fernando.

Legislative Authority: Government Code section 6500 *et seq.*

Background: The subject 2.9 plus or minus acre property is located within the densely populated residential areas of the City of San Fernando. The subject property, consisting of three parcels owned by **San Fernando Airport Development**, is unpaved vacant land located on the northwest edge of Pacoima Wash and directly south of Foothill Boulevard. The property is surrounded by industrial, retail, auto service and single family residential land uses. The MRCA plans to develop a natural park in the subject property and a portion of the 2.9 acres may be reserved for future channel naturalization of the Pacoima Flood Control Channel.

The Pacoima Wash Greenway is a 3-mile long series of natural open space to protect Pacoima Wash's land and water resources, extending from the Angeles National Forest and the Rim of the Valley Trail to the communities of the northeast San Fernando Valley. The Greenway project includes opportunities for infiltration of storm water, creation of wetlands, restoration of riparian habitat, enhancement of an urban habitat corridor, and creation of a pedestrian and bicycle trails. The City of San Fernando is now working with stakeholders to define specific projects that will implement the Pacoima Wash Greenway. The subject acquisition is the first in a series of acquisitions planned along Pacoima Wash and is the first step toward creating the proposed Greenway. Completion of the subject acquisition will secure open space for a community that has not been included in recent greening endeavors in the Los Angeles area.

