

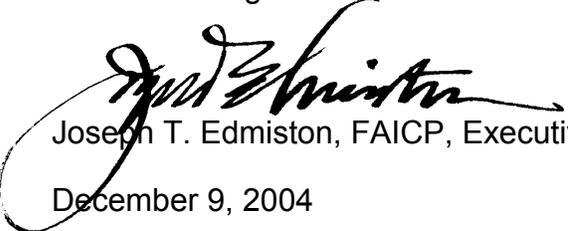


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: December 9, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an open space dedication (lots 46 and 47 of Tentative Tract Map 48906), Granada Hills, City of Los Angeles, contingent upon Home Owners Association retaining all obligation for brush clearance.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of an open space dedication (lots 46 and 47 of Tentative Tract Map 48906), Granada Hills, City of Los Angeles, contingent upon Home Owners Association retaining all obligation for brush clearance.

Background: A housing development in Granada Hills has impacts in and adjacent to Aliso Creek, a tributary to the Los Angeles River. The Army Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Fish and Game have required the developer to provide mitigation for these impacts, pursuant to the Clean Water Act and the Fish and Game Code, as a condition of proceeding with the project. The required mitigation includes, but is not limited to, the dedication and long term preservation of lots 46 and 47 of Tentative Tract Map 48906. These lots contain portions of Aliso Creek and as such, constitute important riparian habitat. It is not expected that the lots will require any brush clearance. However, should such clearance be required, the developer and subsequently the homeowners' association for the development are to retain all obligations and liability for brush clearance.