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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: August 4, 2004, 3 pm

SUBJECT: Agenda Item XVI: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately sixty-acre-open space dedication in San Francisquito Canyon (portions of APNs 3244-30-26, 3324-30-28 and 3244-25-31), and authorizing acceptance of a maintenance endowment fund for said parcel, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution Authorizing acceptance of a sixty acre open space dedication in San Francisquito Canyon and authorizing acceptance of a maintenance endowment fund of \$25,000.

Background: SunCal Companies and Montalvo Properties (the "Developers") are joint developers of the Tesoro del Valle residential master planned community located at 28515 San Francisquito Canyon Road in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The development is approximately 0.5 miles south of the Angeles National Forest and 2.75 miles northeast of the intersection of Interstate 5 and State Route 126. The Developers have agreed to donate a fee interest in a 60 acre open space area in connection with their mitigation obligations which are a condition of obtaining permits from the California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Two parcels totaling 60 acres include portions of San Francisquito Creek and adjacent terrace areas. Southern California's largest population of endangered red-legged frogs exists along San Francisquito Creek upstream from the parcels. The parcels contain approximately 32 acres of mature alluvial fan sage scrub in addition to 12 acres of alluvial fan sage scrub which has been restored over the last several years as part of the mitigation. An eradication program for non-native invasive species have also been on-going on over an acre on the parcels.

The Developers have also agreed to pay the MRCA \$25,000 as an endowment to

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fund maintenance of the parcels. The burnable fuel in alluvial fan sage scrub is minimal. In any case, the maximum required brushing would be a narrow strip along the west side of San Francisquito Road.