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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Governing Board

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

**DATE:** August 5, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item V(j): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 2385-022-002, Coldwater Canyon Lane, Studio City.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation, and possible trail, easement over a portion of APN 2385-022-002 in Studio City.

Background: On April 18, 1994 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy accepted a donation of approximately two acres of land contiguous to an existing 59-acre MRCA open space area east of Longridge Canyon Park. The donor of the two-acre parcel would like to donate a conservation easement over a portion of an adjacent property. An attached map shows the subject property in relation to the 1994 two-acre fee simple donation and 59-acre MRCA property. The subject property has significant ecological value (walnut woodland) and provides an assured habitat buffer for the MRCA property.

The owner pro-actively contacted staff and wants to donate a conservation easement. A conservation easement carries no inherent liability or maintenance obligations. The owner's only stipulation is that the deal move rapidly. The owner will provide a current title report.