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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: November 4, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(g): Consideration resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 0.5-acre conservation easement for cross-Mulholland Drive wildlife movement purposes on APN 4385-021-010, Benedict Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 0.5-acre conservation easement for cross-Mulholland Drive wildlife movement purposes on APN 4385-021-010, at 13850 Mulholland Drive.

Background: The proposed conservation easement is located on a hillside portion of a developed residential property at 13850 Mulholland Drive, approximately 0.20 miles east of the intersection of Mulholland and Benedict Canyon Drive. There are few places for east-west wildlife movement to occur on the south-facing slope of the Santa Monica Mountains between the Beverly Glen-Benedict Canyon watershed divide and the east side of Benedict Canyon Drive. One such corridor requires animals to cross from the north side of Mulholland Drive by Java Drive to the south side and then cross back on the subject property. This easement will connect from the Mulholland Drive public right-of-way at the property's northern boundary to the property's southern boundary to provide a permanent corridor for wildlife crossing Mulholland Drive.

The conservation easement is being dedicated as a voluntary condition by the applicant for Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board case no. DIR-2009-3001-DRB-SPP-MSP. The applicant has agreed to provide the legal description of the easement and a title report.