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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 1, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) acceptance of dedication of all or a portion of APN 3208-045-212; (b) if necessary to enter into an agreement with parcel donor to allow retention of mitigation rights, and (c) acceptance of processing fees, Acton area of Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing: (a) acceptance of dedication of all or a portion of APN 3208-045-212; (b)) if necessary to enter into an agreement with parcel donor to allow retention of mitigation rights, and (c) acceptance of processing fees, Acton area of Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: This parcel is 83.3 acres of alluvial sage scrub in the Acton area of the Santa Clara River. According to assessor parcel data, it was subdivided into many smaller parcels, with the potential to be developed into a housing tract.

Staff has been contacted by the consultant of the donor, seeking to donate the parcels with potential conditions. Three possible options have been raised as to how to complete this donation. The first scenario would be to dedicate everything over to the MRCA soon. The second option would dedicate a portion of the property to satisfy the mitigation requirements of the project at hand. The third option would be to dedicate the entire property, but retain the right to apply a portion of it for future need.

While the first option is the simplest, the donor would like to explore the second and third options if possible. Staff has informed the consultant that the second and third options would require additional time and effort on the part of staff counsel in order to complete the donation, and therefore incur a temporal delay compared with the first option. Negotiations are ongoing, but this Board action would expedite whichever option the donor wishes to take.