

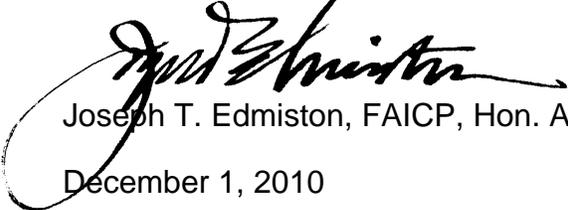


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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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 IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant of conservation easement on and over Assessor's Parcel Numbers 2561-007-010; 2561-007-012; 2561-007-007; 2401-032-008; 2561-033-002; 2561-033-003; 2562-004-011; 2562-005-003; 2562-005-004; 2562-005-006; 2562-005-007; 2401-032-003; 2401-032-005; 2401-032-006; 2401-032-007; 2561-009-005; 2561-009-006; 2561-009-010; 2561-009-012; 2561-009-016; 2545-018-004; 2546-010-009; 2561-007-013; 2545-018-002; 2546-010-005; 2561-007-016; 2561-007-018; 2561-007-019; 2561-007-021; 2561-007-022; 2562-004-008; 2401-034-003; 2561-009-007; 2561-009-013; 2561-009-015; 2561-033-001; 2562-004-006 (portion); 2562-004-014; 2562-006-005; 2562-006-008; 2562-003-012 (portion); 2562-003-015; and 2561-031-004, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board authorize acceptance of a grant of conservation easement on and over the above listed Assessor's Parcel Numbers.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code.

Background: The subject property is a portion of the Canyon Hills Project approved by the City of Los Angeles in 2004. The City of Los Angeles did not require that the property be dedicated as a condition of approval. The owner of the property, Whitebird Real Estate Holdings, LLC., has offered the property as a donation. The 500 plus acre donation is located in the Verdugo Mountains, adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy 1,100 acre La Tuna Canyon Park. The property contains high quality habitat, chaparral and coastal sage scrub. Acceptance of the donation will help to preserve important watershed in addition to significant watershed and ecological resources. Please see the attached map.