



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: May 3, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of Southern California Edison easement to grant additional rights for its lease of fiber optic capacity, and acceptance of consideration therefor, Baldwin Open Space, Calabasas,**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an amendment to the Southern California Edison easement to grant additional rights for lease of fiber optic capacity, and acceptance of consideration for easement and any associated fees.

Background: Southern California Edison (SCE) power lines on the northern edge of the MRCA's Baldwin Open Space in Calabasas roughly parallel the 101 Freeway corridor. SCE has requested an amendment to its existing easement across the property in order to install fiber optic cable, 4,200 linear feet in length, and then lease fiber optic capacity to other telecommunication providers.

SCE has offered \$12,600 for the easement modification, based on their determination that \$3 per foot is appropriate, and says that the fiber optic cable installation would not minimal impact to the land. Since staff will need to allocate time and resources to verify or further determine resource issues, security and trail impacts (if any), and monitor the installation process, *and* since the purpose of SCE's request is to enhance its own revenue-generating capacity with a lease of new fiber optic capacity to telecommunication providers, staff recommends that if the Governing Board chooses to approve the easement amendment, that additional consideration be required and suggests the amount of \$20,000.