



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 2, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 18 acre portion of APN 4378-003-022, Nalin Drive, Hoag Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 18-acre portion of APN 4378-003-022 in Hoag Canyon of the eastern Santa Monica Mountains.

Background: The subject property is located on the eastern rim of north-south trending Hoag Canyon in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. Hoag Canyon is the premier wilderness area in the range between the 405 and 101 freeways. Permanent protection of the subject property has been a longstanding priority of staff. The owner is slated to construct three clustered homes at the terminus of Nalin Drive including on the lot not outlined on the attached map. The property drops off steeply beyond these home sites. The owner is contemplating how much potentially usable land he may want to keep by the southernmost home site for future yard and sports court uses. Until that decision is made the exact boundary and acreage of the easement cannot be determined.

The proposed donation would be a major addition to the protected land base in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. A conservation easement carries no brushing liability or expense.