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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 7, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of 10-acre conservation and trail easement over portion of APN 649-0-340-230, along North American Cutoff trail in Box Canyon, unincorporated County of Ventura. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Earl Courtney. Under consideration: price and terms. (This matter may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of a 10-acre conservation and trail easement over a portion of APN 649-0-340-230, along North American Cutoff trail in Box Canyon, unincorporated County of Ventura.

Background: The subject property is located on the west side of Box Canyon in the Simi Hills. The proposed 10-acre conservation easement would permanently protect a portion of critical habitat linkage from the Santa Susana Mountains into the interior of the Simi Hills. The MRCA has a signed agreement with the property owner for a 20-foot wide trail easement over a key portion of the Rim of the Valley Trail. (See attached plot plan of trail easement.)

Acquisition of this easement would be funded by Caltrans Rocky Peak Road - 118 Interchange Mitigation funding (per District Agreement No. 07-4903).

Price and terms to be discussed in closed session.