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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: June 26, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IV(a): Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a conservation easement of approximately .4 acres over APN 5587-004-026 on East Live Oak Drive in the Los Feliz area, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a conservation easement of approximately .4 acres over APN 5587-004-026 on East Live Oak Drive in the Los Feliz area, Los Angeles.

Background: The current owner of the parcel is currently pursuing plans to develop four contiguous undeveloped parcels on East Live Oak, including the subject property. Staff was approached by the owner of an adjacent residence who indicated his interest in preserving the open space character of the subject parcel.

The owner of the adjacent residence contacted the current owner of the subject property and the two parties have entered into an agreement for the purchase of the subject property, contingent upon the Governing Board's approval of this resolution.

Currently, the property is completely undeveloped with moderate to heavy vegetation. It is located on a hillside and may experience seasonal erosion. Staff believes that acceptance of a conservation easement would protect the habitat and viewshed on this property without exposing the agency to undue liability from fuel modification or land failure.