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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 6, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 0.3-acre portion of APN 2381-028-005 (2971 Laurel Canyon Boulevard), Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement of approximately 0.3 acres over a portion of APN 2381-028-005 (2971 Laurel Canyon Boulevard), in Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject 0.3-acre conservation easement would be located on a 0.55-acre developed residential property, 2971 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, located in the outer corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway, fewer than 500 feet northeast of the portion of Fryman Canyon Park that is owned by the National Park Service. The southern portion of the property, which would fall under the easement, contains walnut woodland habitat, with interspersed ash and elderberry trees. This conservation easement is intended to permanently protect a portion of a wildlife movement corridor that facilitates movement between Fryman Canyon and the Birar Summit and Wrightwood habitat blocks.

Dedication of this conservation easement is a condition of Los Angeles City project DIR-2011-2473-DRB-SPP-MSP. The applicant has consulted with our staff regarding this easement and understands that the cost of a title report is their responsibility. A legal description and plot plan have already been provided.