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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 1, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 4382-006-001 (2850 Benedict Canyon Drive), approximately 0.05 acres, for wildlife movement purposes, in the Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, Benedict Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 4382-006-001 (2850 Benedict Canyon Drive), for wildlife movement purposes, in Benedict Canyon.

Background: The subject conservation easement would be located on a developed residential property located in the outer corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway. The subject property is located between large blocks of undeveloped open space on both the east and west sides of Benedict Canyon. The walnut woodland habitat present on the subject property offers a valuable habitat linkage between these two blocks of open space.

Per agreement with the applicant, the subject easement will include a condition requiring the removal of all the existing chain link fencing from the easement area.

Dedication of this conservation easement is a condition of Los Angeles City project DIR-2014-1135-DRB-SPP-MSP. The applicant has provided staff with a legal description and title report at their own cost.