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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 7, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XVI: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 2552-001-010 and 2552-002-013, approximately 33 acres, along Big Tujunga Canyon Road, Big Tujunga Canyon watershed, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APNs 2552-001-010 and 2552-002-013, approximately 33 acres, along Big Tujunga Canyon Road, Big Tujunga Canyon watershed, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The two subject parcels are part of a larger 116-acre ownership that is seeking entitlements for a residential subdivision with access from Big Tujunga Canyon Road. The attached map shows the two parcels which are north and south end caps to this ownership. The owners have generously offered to donate the parcels if the transfer can occur well within the 2015 calendar year.

The northern parcel abuts the Angeles National Forest and a Los Angeles County juvenile facility. It also includes the Rim of the Valley trail that is shown on the attached map as the Graveyard Truck Trail. It further includes an approximately 20-foot-wide appendage that contacts Big Tujunga Canyon Road. It includes mixed chaparral, sage scrub, and non-native grassland.

The southern parcel abuts both the Angeles National Forest and Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power open space. It too includes a long approximately 20-foot-wide appendage that contacts Big Tujunga Canyon Road and includes a continuation of the Rim of the Valley Trail. It includes oak woodland, mixed chaparral, sage scrub, and non-native grassland.

The parcels meet every criteria for an excellent property donation. Maintenance should not be costly because there really is no access point to dump trash on the parcels. The ROV trail on both lots is also already a dirt road.