



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 5, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement and processing and monitoring fees, St. Johns Basin, Camarillo.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement and processing and monitoring fees, St. Johns Basin, Camarillo.

Background: Toll Brothers Land Development contacted MRCA staff in October 2010 regarding the creation of a conservation easement over an area within a housing tract they developed. The Homeowner's Association for the neighborhood currently is responsible for the maintenance and reporting associated with the residential riparian wash, referred to as St. John's Basin.

The parcel is labeled as a common area within APN page 173-0-060. Also labeled as "Parcel B" withing the tract map. The parcel is approximately 5.9 acres.

The MRCA would be responsible for a single annual report to the Army Corps of Engineers, addressing HOA ongoing compliance with agency requirements for said area. All maintenance activities would continue to be conducted by landscapers provided by the HOA.

The MRCA will receive a \$10,000 endowment for site visits and annual letter writing, and \$2,000 for processing and legal fees. This \$12,000 will be secured from the HOA at the close of escrow.