MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 2, 2011

SUBJECT: Agenda Item V(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APNs 2275-028-005, 006 and 007 (approximately 0.20 acres) for wildlife movement purposes, 14501 Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APNs 2275-028-005, 006, and 007 (approximately 0.20 acres) for wildlife movement purposes, 14501 Mulholland Drive, in the City of Los Angeles.

Background: The proposed conservation easement is located on a portion of a developed hillside residential property at 14501 Mulholland Drive, across from the Stone Canyon Overlook. (See attached map.) Due to development, there are decreasingly fewer places for north-south wildlife movement between Beverly Glen Canyon and the 405 Freeway, north of Mulholland Drive. The proposed easement will connect from the Mulholland Drive public right-of-way at the property’s southern boundary to the property’s northern boundary to provide a permanent corridor for wildlife crossing Mulholland Drive. The subject property owner’s representative has informed staff that the owner purchased the property adjacent to the north and west to prevent it from being developed, and therefore the owner intends to leave it unfenced.

The conservation easement is being dedicated as a voluntary condition by the applicant for Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board case no. DIR-2010-3357-DRB-SPP-MSP. The applicant has agreed to provide the legal description of the easement and a title report.