MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Agenda Item XII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a portion of APN 2826-026-005 and potentially portions of APNs 2826-026-006 and 014 located west of Interstate 5 in the Newhall Pass, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a portion of APN 2826-026-005 and potentially portions of APNs 2826-026-006 and 014 located west of Interstate 5 in the Newhall Pass, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The three subject parcels contain mixed woodland on a north facing slope. They are directly adjacent to MRCA Santa Clarita Woodlands Park in the Newhall Pass.

A lot line adjustment has been drawn. Staff will present that figure at the meeting. The new lines were drawn to allow the adjacent mulch and vermiculture facility to continue its operation. APNs 2826-026-005, 006, and 014 are currently 79.81 acres, 15.82 acres, and 1.79 acres respectively. After lot line adjustment, the total donation area will be approximately 80 acres.

There would be no maintenance costs associated with ownership of these parcels. Acceptance of these subject properties is a high priority for the MRCA based on their location, quality of habitat, and less than nominal cost.