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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.2 acres, over portion of APN 2428-006-042, on Oak Point Drive in the Cahuenga Pass area, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.2 acres, over a portion of APN 2428-006-042, on Oak Point Drive in the Cahuenga Pass area, in the City of Los Angeles.

Background: The proposed conservation easement is located on a portion of a developed hillside residential property at 2921 Oak Point Drive. Due to development, there are decreasingly fewer places for east-west wildlife movement between the Oakshire-Benson core habitat area and the Cahuenga Pass core habitat area, north of Mulholland Drive. The recordation of the subject easement will preserve a wildlife corridor that allows for movement between the MRCA-owned Benson Open Space to the northwest, and MRCA-owned open space to the east adjacent to the 101 Freeway. (See attached maps.)

The proposed easement will connect from Oak Point Drive along the property's eastern and southern boundaries (excluding the proposed residence) and will encompass the westerly portion of the lot.

The conservation easement is being dedicated as a voluntary condition by the applicant for Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board case No. DIR-2007-3975-DRB-SPP. The applicant has agreed to provide the legal description of the easement and a title report.