MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Agenda Item V(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 1.09 acres of natural land, APN 2569-022-054, between La Crescenta and Tujunga, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of the donation of Assessor Parcel Number 2569-022-054 from the Rowsey Trust, pending verification of clear title with no liens or encumbrances.

Background: The parcel is unimproved open space land, approximately 1.09 acres in size, located near Blanchard Canyon in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, between La Crescenta and Big Tujunga Wash. It lies immediately adjacent to other MRCA-owned open space, and is high quality chaparral habitat.

The owner is Karen Rowsey, representing the Mark T. Rowsey Exemption Trust. Staff will verify title and condition prior to finalizing a transaction, but the donation parcel would be very unlikely to have any maintenance needs, and there are no structures in the vicinity.