MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Agenda Item XVI: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a license agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for operation and maintenance of Upper Las Virgenes Open Space, County of Ventura.

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) enter into a license agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for operation and maintenance of Upper Las Virgenes Open Space, County of Ventura.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 et seq. of the Government Code

Background: The MRCA delivered an offer to dedicate the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The Conservancy has agreed to accept the offer and the California Department of General Services is processing the transaction in preparation for the State Public Works Board to approve the acceptance. The Conservancy has made a request that the MRCA continue to operate and manage the property and formalize the arrangement by entering into a license agreement. The property is improved with a trail and requires only nominal amount of maintenance.