MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VII(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 2287-006-026 (16854 Severo Place), near Westridge-Canyonback Wilderness Park, Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement of approximately 0.19 acres over a portion of APN 2287-006-026 (16854 Severo Place), near Westridge-Canyonback Wilderness Park, Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject 0.19-acre conservation easement would be located on a 1.21-acre developed residential property located in the outer corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway, and approximately 30 feet north of Westridge-Canyonback Wilderness Park. The fuel modification footprint of the existing residence currently extends southward onto parkland. A proposed addition to the residence would further increase the impacts to parkland from brush clearance. The Conservancy recommended to the City that the applicant dedicate a conservation easement as a mitigation measure.

The property borders oak-walnut woodland.

Dedication of this conservation easement is a condition of Los Angeles City project DIR-2008-1972-DRB-SPP. The applicant has consulted with our staff regarding this easement and understands that the cost of a legal description and title report are their responsibility. A legal description and plot plan of the easement have already been provided.