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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 3, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of fee title to, or a multi-use trail easement over, all or a portion of APN 4387-020-001, adjacent to Franklin Canyon Park, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of fee title to, or a multi-use trail easement over, all or a portion of APN 4387-020-001, adjacent to Franklin Canyon Park, Los Angeles.

Background: The subject property is located directly adjacent to Franklin Canyon Park. It is currently privately owned, but portions have been used for many years as part of the Hastain Trail which originates in Franklin Canyon Park. The particular portion of the property in question contains an approximately 150 foot long portion of the Hastain Trail which loops from public property onto private property and back again.

The proposed action is timely as the MRCA has intervened in a lawsuit against the property owner to establish the existence of an implied dedication of a public easement for the Hastain Trail. If the case is decided favorably to the MRCA, the entirety of the historic Hastain Trail will be found to have been dedicated for public usage as of 1972.

If the lawsuit is not successful, representatives of the property owner have indicated he would be willing to dedicate fee title or an easement over the subject property for public trail use.

Acceptance of fee title or trail easement would be important to maintain the connectivity of the lower portion of the Hastain Trail.