MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 4-acre portion of APN 5549-003-004 (2775 North Cahuenga Boulevard), 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 4 acres over a portion of APN 5549-003-004 (2775 North Cahuenga Boulevard), Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject conservation easement would be located on a 6.23-acre residential property located in the inner corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway, west of two nearby wildlife crossings over the 101 Freeway. The Mulholland Drive crossing is situated approximately 1,000 feet north of the subject property, and the Odin Street wildlife crossing is approximately 3,000 feet to the south. The Conservancy recommended to the City that the applicant dedicate a conservation easement as a means of permanently protecting the scenic and ecological habitat of the southern and western portions of the property.

Conservancy staff first recommended this conservation easement in a letter dated December 1, 2011 regarding Design Review Board case no. DIR-2008-2620-DRB-SSP-MSP. The Conservancy Board recommended the subject easement in a letter dated April 23, 2012 (Resolution No. 12-17) regarding tract map case no. AA-2012-7070-WTM. Recordation of the conservation easement is a condition of both Los Angeles City project numbers.

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.