



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 6, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 0.01-acre portion of APN 5570-024-011, near Briar Summit Open Space Preserve, Nichols Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement of approximately 0.01 acres over a portion of APN 5570-024-011, near Briar Summit Open Space Preserve, in Nichols Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject 0.01-acre conservation easement would be located on a 0.42-acre developed residential property, 7702 Firenze Avenue, located in the outer corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway, approximately 40 feet south of Briar Summit Open Space Preserve. The subject easement would connect directly to an existing conservation easement on the adjacent property to the north, at 7711 Firenze Avenue. (See attached aerial map.) This new easement would improve the wildlife access to Briar Summit Open Space Preserve.

Development south of Briar Summit has constricted the open space available to wildlife in this area. Even a wildlife corridor as narrow as four feet in width provides a significant improvement to wildlife movement if it connects to an already existing conservation easement.

Dedication of this conservation easement is a condition of Los Angeles City project DIR-2012-2002-DRB-SPP-MSP. The applicant has consulted with our staff regarding this easement and understands that the cost of a title report is their responsibility. A legal description and plot plan have already been provided.