MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 6, 2013

SUBJECT: Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of 18.9 acres, APN 2821-011-017, adjacent to Rocky Peak Park, unincorporated Chatsworth area.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of 18.9 acres, APN 2821-011-017, adjacent to Rocky Peak Park and the Indian Springs open space area in Chatsworth.

Background: Staff was recently contacted by the long time owners of this 18.9-acre parcel near the Ventura County border. The property borders the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority’s Indian Springs dedication on two sides. The parcel is actually separated from Rocky Peak Park by the Southport/Kilmer property that has been in some form bankruptcy for over 15 years.

The parcel is part of the core habitat of the Santa Susana Mountains and located within a Los Angeles County designated Significant Ecological Area. There are no down side to accepting is important donation.