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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(m): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for planning and coordination of land acquisition and restoration projects.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for planning and coordination of land acquisition and restoration projects.

Background: Please see attached draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Ventura County Watershed Protection District and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). A similar MOA was approved by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy at its meeting of March 18, 2013.

The staffs of the Watershed Protection District, MRCA, and Conservancy have already cooperated on planning efforts, such as the Calleguas Creek Integrated Watershed Protection Plan. The proposed MOA outlines additional opportunities for cooperative activities, including watershed protection planning, coordination of easements, acquisitions, and restoration.