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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 1, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(I): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over an approximately 0.13-acre portion of APN 5577-017-016 (6696 Lakeridge Road), Cahuenga Pass, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement of approximately 0.13 acres over a portion of APN 5577-017-016 (6696 Lakeridge Road), Cahuenga Pass, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject 0.13-acre conservation easement would be located on a 0.4-acre developed residential property, 6696 Lakeridge Road, located in a visually prominent part of the Cahuenga Pass and in the inner corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway. The subject property is also situated approximately 30 feet south (across Lakeridge Road) from MRCA-owned public open space (APN 577-017-900), and approximately 250 feet south of the Mulholland Drive bridge across Cahuenga Boulevard and the 101 Freeway.

This bridge enables east-west wildlife movement between the protected habitat block abutting the west side of the 101 Freeway and existing undeveloped open space to the east. The subject property is a critical link in this wildlife movement corridor, and the subject conservation easement would protect this link against future development.

Dedication of this conservation easement is a condition of Los Angeles City project DIR-2012-1522-DRB-SPP-MSP. The project conditions proposed by staff, and agreed to by the applicant, include a six-foot high fence of solid materials, along the boundary of the easement closest to the planned residence for the purpose of partially screening the wildlife corridor. The applicant has consulted with our staff regarding this easement and understands that the cost of a legal description and title report is their responsibility.