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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 4, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of a 5.16-acre parcel, APN 3310-004-039, unincorporated Antelope Valley.**

Background: The subject 5.16-acre parcel is located in the northern Antelope Valley near Edwards Air Force Base. The attached aerial photographs show the location of the property and a close up of its vegetation features. The primary vegetation type is creosote scrub. The parcel sits just outside the boundary of the Antelope Valley Desert Tortoise Preserve.

The property can be reached by dirt road northeast of East Avenue E, and 110th Street East, east of Lancaster. The closest public parklands are Saddleback Butte State Park, Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary, Phacelia Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Antelope Valley Indian Museum.

A site inspection of this parcel by staff is pending.

A representative of the owner recently contacted staff about a rapid donation of the property. This donation will form an open space preserve nucleus.

All expenses associated with the acquisition are to be funded from City of Lancaster mitigation funds in MRCA possession.

The property requires no maintenance by MRCA staff.