

MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 6, 2013

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of conservation easements on APNs 2425-015-030, 031, 032, 033 and 035 on Multiview Drive in the Cahuenga Pass area, City of Los Angeles.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of conservation easements on portions of APNs 2425-015-030, 031, 032, 033 and 035 Multiview Drive in the Chuenga Pass area.

<u>Background</u>: After a protracted effort by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy staff in 2001, the City of Los Angeles conditions for a five lot project required the applicant to record conservation easements for wildlife movement with a public agency. That same owner of the five lots recently contacted staff desiring to grant the subject five conservation easements to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). These lots are a fundamental part of the east-west habitat linkage on the north slope of the eastern Santa Monica Mountains between the Wrightwood habitat block and the Mulholland Drive bridge over the 101 Freeway leading to Griffith Park. The exact boundaries of the easements requires some refinement. The attached figures shows other nearby MRCA conservation easement on this same wildlife corridor.