

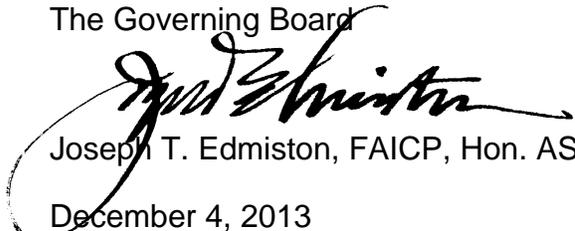


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 4, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of an approximately 10 acre parcel (APN 4455-008-012) in the Cold Creek watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of an approximately 10-acre parcel (APN 4455-008-012) in the Cold Creek watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: Staff received an offer for a donation of a significant 10-acre parcel in the upper Cold Creek water if the transfer can occur in calendar year 2013. The parcel is located in the Los Angeles County-designated Cold Creek Significant Ecological Area buffer and contains a USGS blueline stream. The same individual was responsible for the 10-acre dedication directly south to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority two years ago. The eastern boundary of the subject parcel abuts the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Calabasas Peak property. An informal but passable trail courses through the property connecting to the Secret Trail to the north and private roads to the south. The western boundary contains a cleared level pad that is part of the fuel modification zone for an adjacent house. The property is part of a large core habitat located between Old Topanga Canyon Road and Mulholland Highway-Stunt Road.