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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 2, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APN 4379-030-020 (14730 Mulholland Drive), approximately 3.96-acres combined, in Upper Stone Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over portions of APN 4379-030-020 (14730 Mulholland Drive), approximately 3.96-acres combined, in Upper Stone Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject combined 3.96-acre conservation easements would be located on a 4.96-acre developed property located in the inner corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway. The subject property lies approximately 0.5 miles north of the Stone Canyon Reservoir. The mixed black walnut woodland and elderberry habitat on the subject property provides a habitat linkage for wildlife movement between the Stone Canyon Reservoir open space to the south and Deervale Stone Canyon Park to the north of Mulholland Drive.

Dedication of this conservation easement is a condition of Los Angeles City project ZA-2013-687-ZAA-ZAD-DRB-SPP-MSP. The applicant has consulted with our staff regarding this easement and understands that the cost of a title report is their responsibility. The applicant has already provided MRCA staff with recordable legal descriptions for two conservation easements.

An ephemeral stream exists on the southwest portion of the property. This stream would fall within one of the two conservation easements (easement 'B' on the attached site plan map), and will not be impacted by the proposed development on the site.

The northeast portion of the subject property contains non-compacted fill from the original construction of Mulholland Drive in the 1930's. The City requires the applicant to re-grade and compact this fill as a condition of the project. Part of this grading and compaction will necessarily occur within one of the two conservation

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easements (easement 'A' on the attached site plan map). No grading or other development-related work would be permitted within the easement after this situation has been remediated.