MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(I): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of APN 694-0-181-500 totaling 33.96 acres in the Carlisle Creek watershed, unincorporated Ventura County.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of a 33.96-acre parcel (APN 694-0-181-500) in the Carlisle Creek watershed.

Background: The subject 34-acre property lies in the Carlisle Canyon watershed just west of National Park Service holdings that are part of Circle X Ranch. The parcel elevation ranges from 1400 to 2200 feet. Most of the property supports chaparral on a south-facing slope. The remainder includes a rocky mountain peak and a rocky north-facing area with dense chaparral. The property has the highest priority ranking on the National Park Service’s Land Protection Plan. The nearest house is over 230 feet away. In all respects the property provides core habitat qualities, and it is a key parcel within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). The long time owner is interested in donating the parcel. An aerial photograph of the property is attached.