MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of multiple parcels, approximately 0.43 acres combined, APNs 4371-015-013, and 020; 4371-016-025; 4371-024-004; 4371-041-012, and 019; and 4380-030-010, throughout Beverly Glen Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of approximately 0.43 acres comprised of APNs 4371-015-013, and 020; 4371-016-025; 4371-024-004; 4371-041-012, and 019; and 4380-030-010 in Beverly Glen Canyon.

Background: Staff was recently contacted about accepting a donation of approximately 0.43 acres in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. The subject seven open space parcels are located throughout Beverly Glen Canyon south of Mulholland Drive. As shown on the attached figure, four of these parcels are adjacent to existing Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) owned parcels. Two others are each located almost adjacent to MRCA-owned land or to City of Los Angeles open space.

Each of the subject parcels incrementally adds to the amount of permanently protected land in the Beverly Glen watershed. The properties lie outside of fuel modification zones. Processing the donations is not cost prohibitive to staff, because either Area B Assessment District or Measure HH funding can be used.

Scores of undevelopable private parcels remain in the Beverly Glen watershed. Most likely there will be an uptick in the frequency of such parcels being offered to the MRCA as donations.