MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of fee simple or conservation easement interest in an approximately 20-acre portion of APN 2061-023-002, Lindero and Triunfo Creek watersheds, City of Agoura Hills.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of fee simple or conservation easement interest in an approximately 20-acre portion of APN 2061-023-002 in Agoura Hills.

Background: The subject landowner is interested in a year-end donation of the majority of a 23-acre parcel that straddles the Triunfo and Lindero Creek watershed boundary within the greater Malibu Creek watershed (see attached map). The property is core habitat of the central Santa Monica Mountains and should be permanently protected. Staff sees no liability in accepting this generous gift of approximately 20 acres. The landowner wants to keep his options open for short while longer to decide whether to make it a fee simple donation or conservation easement.