MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s) over APNs 5570-025-038, 045, and 060, approximately 4 acres, on 2715 Jalmia Drive, Nichols Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s) over APNs 5570-025-038, 045, and 060, a total of approximately 4 acres, on 2715 Jalmia Drive, a property in Nichols Canyon, in the City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject property is a combined lot of approximately 4.9 acres, in the middle of Nichols Canyon. Though the property is partially developed with a single-family home, the remaining undeveloped and open areas of the property are uniquely situated to facilitate wildlife movement in both east-west, and north-south directions. (Please see attached maps.) The site is valuable to wildlife moving between the Briar Summit and Trebek Open Space habitat blocks (north-south), and the Runyon Canyon and Laurel Canyon habitat blocks (east-west). This conservation easement will also protect the oak woodland and chaparral habitats found on the subject property.

The property owner understands that it is their responsibility to provide staff with a current title report, and a metes-and-bounds legal description. The owner is dedicating this easement as a condition of approval for Los Angeles City case no. DIR-2015-2949-DRB-SPP-MSP.