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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s) over portions of APN 5572-002-005 (2745 and 2755 Outpost Drive), approximately 0.33 acres total, Mulholland Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of conservation easement(s) over portions of APN 5572-002-005 (2745 and 2755 Outpost Drive), a total of approximately 0.33 acres, in the Mulholland Scenic Corridor, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject combined 0.33-acre conservation easements would be located on an approximately 1.46-acre residential property located in the inner corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway. The subject property is adjacent to a Department of Water and Power public utility corridor to the north, and to Mulholland Drive on the east. This utility corridor functions as a habitat linkage which facilitates wildlife movement between the northern Runyon Canyon habitat block to the west, and the MRCA-owned open space properties in the Cahuenga Pass to the east.

The subject conservation easements will permanently preserve areas of habitat adjacent to this habitat linkage, both widening the corridor and enhancing its value to local wildlife. The easement to be recorded over the northeastern corner of the property would also provide a degree of permanent protection for wildlife traveling southeast along the adjacent stretch of Mulholland Drive.

Dedication of these conservation easements is a condition of approval for Los Angeles City projects DIR-2015-2792-DRB-SPP-MSP and DIR-2015-2805-DRB-SPP-MSP. The two single-family residences to be constructed on the subject property are not expected to impact the easement areas after construction. The applicant is responsible for planting the easement areas with native vegetation, and irrigation, per the planting requirements of the Mulholland Scenic Plan.

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Following acceptance of the conservation easements, the subject property will undergo a lot line adjustment and lot split. The subject easements will not be affected by this lot split once they are recorded. The applicant has consulted with our staff regarding these easements, and understands that the cost of legal descriptions and a title report are their responsibility.