MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: December 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of public access easements associated with the existing Escondido Beach Accessway from the State Coastal Conservancy at 27420 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a vertical access easement, a lateral access easement, and a public parking easement associated with the existing Escondido Beach Accessway from the State Coastal Conservancy at 27420 Pacific Coast Highway, City of Malibu.

Background: The State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) holds a vertical access easement, a lateral access easement, and a public parking easement over the property developed with four condominium units located at 27420 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu. These public access easements were dedicated pursuant to the requirements of coastal development permits issued by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for the development of the property.

The public parking easement consists of two designated public parking spaces parallel to the Pacific Coast Highway. The vertical access easement is developed with a walkway and a large concrete stairway that spirals down to the lateral access easement on the beach.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has been operating and managing the subject public access easements as the Escondido Beach Accessway. The MRCA intends to continue its operation and management of the accessway. Thus, the SCC has approached the MRCA regarding the transfer of the subject public access easements. The subject acceptance of the transfer is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15308 and Section 15325.