MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement over portions of APN 2425-011-001 (3585 Multiview Drive), an approximately 0.8-acre area, in the Mulholland Scenic Corridor to Cahuenga Pass area, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a conservation easement over portions of APN 2425-011-001 (3585 Multiview Drive), an approximately 0.8-acre area, in the Mulholland Scenic Corridor to Cahuenga Pass area, in the City of Los Angeles.

Background: The subject property is an approximately 1.4-acre hillside lot located adjacent to existing MRCA-owned open space at the eastern edge of the Wrightwood habitat block.

The property lies partially within Habitat Block No. 28 on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy’s Eastern Santa Monica Mountain Habitat Linkage Planning Map. This habitat block, which includes the MRCA’s 9-acre Liss open space property, is part of a series of habitat linkages that facilitate wildlife movement between the Briar Summit Open Space Preserve (No. 32) to the southwest, and multiple habitat blocks on the west side of the Cahuenga Pass.

The property is also included in the Engineer’s Report for the MRCA’s Community Facilities District 1. The subject property supports chaparral habitat with some coast live oak trees (Quercus agrifolia).

The current property owner proposes to develop a single-family residences on the property, however, the owner has consented to dedicating a conservation easement over the remaining, arguably more ecologically valuable, portions of the site. The property owner understands that it is their responsibility to provide staff with a current title report, and a metes-and-bounds legal description.