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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 6, 2021

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of Resolution No. 19-38 to include the acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 4379-032-006 to enhance wildlife corridor along Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing amendment of Resolution No. 19-38 to include the acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of APN 4379-032-006 to enhance wildlife corridor along Mulholland Drive, City of Los Angeles.

Background: On March 6, 2019, the Governing Board adopted Resolution No. 19-38, which authorized the sale of the portion of MRCA property (APN 4379-032-900) while retaining a conservation easement on a portion of said property in order to resolve an outstanding dispute over an encroachment and retaining wall with the neighboring property owner at 14220 Mulholland Drive (APN 4379-032-006).

Simultaneously, as part of the permitting process for proposed development over the subject private property, MRCA Planning Division staff had been working to secure a deed restriction over a separate portion of APN 43032-006 to preserve an important wildlife corridor through this area. Subsequent to the approval of Resolution No. 19-38, Staff unsuccessfully attempted to reach a global settlement of both the encroachment and deed restriction issues with representatives of the private property owner.

Staff is now recommending that the Governing Board adopt this resolution and expressly condition the settlement of the encroachment issue on the property owner's agreement to execute and record the deed restriction. If an agreement cannot be reached after adoption of this proposed resolution, staff will explore all options available to resolve the encroachment dispute.