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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 2, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an offer to dedicate a trail easement, 6270 Delaplane Road (portion of APN 4467-005-028), Coastal Development Permit No. 05-114, Ramirez Canyon watershed, Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of an offer to dedicate a trail easement, 6270 Delaplane Road (portion of APN 4467-005-028), Coastal Development Permit No. 05-114, Ramirez Canyon watershed, Malibu.

Background: On June 6, 2006, the City of Malibu Planning Commission approved Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Number 05-11 for the construction of a new 9,964 square-foot residence, access road, trail dedication, and associated improvements and variances at 6270 Delaplane Road (portion of Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 4467-005-028). Condition 30 includes the requirement for the recordation of an offer to dedicate a trail easement (or for the granting of a trail easement).

Public trails along and near Delaplane Road have been contemplated, planned, and partially dedicated. The Ramirez Delaplane Pathway is identified on the City of Malibu's 2004 Trails System map. A trail in this location has also been identified in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Interagency Trail Management Plan draft trails maps and in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy/Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan draft trails maps. Several trail offers to dedicate have been accepted by MRCA along Delaplane Road and Ramirez Canyon Road and the immediate vicinity.

Since of the adoption the Malibu Local Coastal Program (LCP) by the California Coastal Commission in September 2002, the City of Malibu has been responsible for processing and granting CDPs in the City of Malibu. The subject trail offer is one

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of the first ones to come before the MRCA Governing Board under the City's LCP permitting process.

Upon review by staff of the 12-foot-wide trail easement proposed by the applicant, staff recommends that the trail easement be extended to the centerline of the Delaplane Road street easement to maximize the feasibility of implementation of the subject trail and connections, and to potentially minimize construction costs and impacts. Unless there is some legal reason that dictates that this cannot be achieved, staff will pursue this widened trail easement, which provides more latitude for a safe, useable trail.