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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 3, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing recordation of restrictive covenants on APN 4455-022-901 and -902 to satisfy a California Coastal Commission requirement related to off-site mitigation benefitting Los Angeles County Department of Public Works road improvements, Cold Creek watershed.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing recordation of restrictive covenants on APN 4455-022-901 and -902 to satisfy a California Coastal Commission requirement related to off-site mitigation benefitting Los Angeles County Department of Public Works road improvements in the Cold Creek watershed.

Background: The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) performed road improvements on over 40 road sites damaged during winter storms in 2005 in mostly unincorporated areas throughout the Santa Monica Mountains (see attachment). The California Coastal Commission (CCC) requires DPW to restore vegetation lost through road repairs at a 3:1 ration and allows mitigation work to be done off-site. Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT) has agreed to perform a portion of the required mitigation in the Cold Creek watershed on three parcels, two of which are owned by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). MRT has a signed agreement with the MRCA to manage the subject parcels and retain rights to use them as restoration sites. The CCC requires that the titles of the parcels to be restored include a restrictive covenant protecting the restoration work in perpetuity. Staff is working with DPW to effectuate the covenants. The attached resolution would authorize the MRCA to record restrictive covenants on its two parcels to be restored by MRT.