

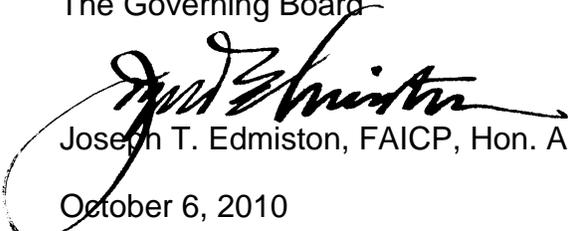


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 6, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(v): Consideration of resolution accepting conservation and/or trail easement from The Buckley School, Sherman Oaks.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation and/or trail easement from The Buckley School in Sherman Oaks.

Background: The Buckley School ("Buckley") is currently in the process of securing permits and entitlements from the City of Los Angeles for Buckley's Campus Enhancement Plan (Case No. CPC-2006-7806-CU-SPE-SPR).

Buckley initially offered to dedicate the easements to mitigate any impact of the plan, and as part of the approval process, the City formally included the dedications as a condition of the permits/entitlements. The MRCA has been identified as the appropriate grantee.

The conservation easement would encumber Assessor's Parcel Number 2274-026-002, comprising approximately 12.6 acres of undeveloped land directly adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Fossil Ridge Park. The proposed trail alignment is currently being worked on by staff in consultation with Buckley's representatives.

The conservation easement will expand the habitat value of Fossil Ridge Park while the trail easement would secure public access to this property and allow for trail connections to the neighboring open space. Adoption of this resolution would authorize staff to complete the dedications

Please see attached map for reference.