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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.3 acres, over a portion of APN 5565-011-011, on Horse Shoe Canyon Road, Laurel Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement, approximately 0.3 acres, over a portion of APN 5565-011-011, on Horse Shoe Canyon Road, near Laurel Canyon, in the City of Los Angeles.

Background: The proposed conservation easement is located on a portion of a hillside residential property at 2497 Horse Shoe Canyon Road, at the southern extension of the El Rita Bowl core habitat area. (See attached map.) This core habitat area includes the City-owned Laurel Canyon park and the Laurel Canyon-Mulholland Drive property pending acquisition by the MRCA.

The proposed easement will connect from the western and southwestern property boundaries to the eastern property boundary by forming a "horseshoe" around the proposed residence. (See attached map).

The conservation easement is being dedicated as a voluntary condition by the applicant for Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board case No. DIR-2010-2838-DRB-SPP-MSP. The applicant has agreed to provide the legal description of the easement and a title report.