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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(n): Consideration of resolution authorizing continuation of Cooperative Management Agreement with the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and California Department of Parks and Recreation.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a new Cooperative Management Agreement with the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and California Department of Parks and Recreation, for ongoing cooperative projects.

Background: An updated Cooperative Management Agreement is being finalized. The document will restate and expand upon the original 1995 agreement and the 2008 agreement between the four park agencies. Cooperative projects, planning, and sharing of resources and expertise have been a hallmark of our four agencies in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and are ongoing, especially via the National Park Service's Task Agreement cost-sharing for specific projects. The agreement will extend the term of such continuing cooperation in order to maximize efficiencies to best serve the parks and the public.