

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: April 26, 2010


From : Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 9(c): Consideration of resolution confirming a comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for proposed Andora Avenue TTM Project (Tentative Tract Map No. 53426), Chatsworth.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution confirming a comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for proposed Andora Avenue TTM Project (Tentative Tract Map No. 53426), Chatsworth.

Background: The applicant proposes to construct 45 single-family homes on 91 acres between Chatsworth Reservoir and Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. The attached site plan shows the homes' orientation on the subject parcel, which would sever a critical habitat linkage between the publicly-owned natural areas to the north and south. Staff submitted the attached letter on the April 5 deadline for public comment.

The letter finds the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to be deficient for failing to consider the biological impact of preventing wildlife movement between the two large habitat blocks. The DEIR also does not adequately address visual and hydrological impacts. In addition, the applicant's proposed trail and open space lots are inadequate.