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MEMORANDUM

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To: The Advisory Committee Members

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

Subject: **Agenda Item III: Special recognition in memory of Ronald Schafer, former Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Governing Board member, for extraordinary accomplishments.**

Ronald Schafer, Superintendent of the California State Parks Angeles District, passed away September 15, 2010.

Ron was a life long resident of California, attending the University of Texas on a swimming scholarship for one year and eventually graduating from San Jose State University.

Ron began his career as a seasonal lifeguard at Huntington and Bolsa Chica State beaches at the age of 18. He graduated from the State Park Peace Officer Academy in 1984. Following graduation, he returned to Huntington and Bolsa Chica State beaches in a permanent position as a State Park Peace Officer Lifeguard. Ron quickly promoted, rising through the ranks of Lifeguard Supervisor I, II and III, overseeing the lifeguard program and serving as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the Orange Coast District. He was promoted to the Superintendent series overseeing both the Chino Hills and Lake Perris Sector operations in Riverside County. In the mid-1990s he moved to the Bay Area District as the District Superintendent. In 2002, he moved to the position of superintendent of the Angeles District.

Ron is credited with strengthening the state parks' relationship with the National Park Service in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Ron had chaired the Conservancy's board since 2008.

Along with serving on the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Governing Board, Ron also served on the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority Board.

In addition to his mother and brother, Ron is survived by three children, a half sister, and two stepbrothers.