

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: December 5, 2011

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing approval of an access agreement for groundwater monitoring well replacement on the Conservancy Bluffs property, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy grant a license to Pepperdine University to install four upgraded well pairs that will replace existing monitoring wells located on the Conservancy Bluffs property.

Legislative Authority: Public Resources Code Section 33211.

Background: Prior to the Conservancy's acquisition of the Bluffs property Pepperdine University installed groundwater monitoring wells without benefit of a written agreement to do so. The locations of the existing wells and the proposed new well sites are depicted on the attached map. The upgrades are required by the County of Los Angeles and are necessary for Pepperdine's hydrogeological monitoring program. The existing wells will be capped. Drilling for the new wells will not require new roads and grading, and will not cause any significant disturbance to the environment. Pepperdine is required to comply with City of Malibu's local coastal program for the well replacement project.