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MEMORANDUM

Date:

February 10, 2012

To:

The Governing Board Members

From:

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

Subject:

Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Preliminary Draft Significant Ecological Area and Hillside Management Area Ordinance.

Attached is a draft comment letter for your consideration. The entire Preliminary Draft Significant Ecological Area and Hillside Management Area Ordinance (November 10, 2011) can be found online if you wish to review it. http://planning.lacounty.gov/sea

The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) has been following closely the changes to the proposed General Plan, SEA boundaries, and SEA regulations. WCCA provided numerous comment letters over the years, including a July 4, 2004 letter commenting on the General Plan Update and SEA Proposed Regulatory Changes. WCCA prepared comments on these topics in letters dated July 20, 2011; December 17, 2008; September 27, 2007; July 7, 2004; December 20, 2002; May 2, 2001, and April 30, 2001. Those can be found online in the meeting materials for the July 20, 2011 WCCA meeting at:

http://www.smmc.ca.gov/wcca.asp

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The staff-proposed comment letter for the February 10, 2012 meeting is current and stand-alone; it is not necessary for Board members to review all the previous comment letters. They just provide additional background information.