

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 18, 2013

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item 9 (a): Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for coordination of land protection and habitat restoration activities in Ventura County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for coordination of land protection and habitat restoration activities.

Legislative Authority: Section 33211 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: Please see the attached draft Memorandum of Agreement between the Ventura County Watershed Protection District and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. A similar MOA will be presented to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Governing Board for consideration at its next meeting.

The staffs of the Watershed Protection District, the Conservancy, and MRCA have already cooperated on planning efforts, such as the Calleguas Creek Integrated Watershed Protection Plan. In 2011 the Conservancy voted to provide a letter of support for a Watershed Protection District application to another state agency for grant funding. The proposed Memorandum of Agreement outlines additional opportunities for cooperative activities, including watershed protection planning, coordination of easements, acquisitions, and restoration, in areas of the County that are within the Conservancy's jurisdiction.