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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2013

To: The Governing Board Members

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

Subject: **Agenda Item IX: Direction to staff regarding County of Los Angeles 2013 Draft General Plan 2035 and Draft Hillside Management Area Ordinance.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board discuss whether to direct staff to provide comments on said documents, and if so, provide direction to staff regarding the substance and tone of such comments.

Background: On October 17, 2013, the County of Los Angeles released the 2013 Draft Hillside Management Area (HMA) Ordinance; comments are due November 18, 2013. The HMA Ordinance is being revised as a part of the General Plan Update process. The County also released the 2013 Draft Hillside Design Guidelines. These documents can be found online at: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/hma>.

The County recently released the October 2013 Revised Draft General Plan for public review. Regarding the Draft General Plan, the County planner said they are asking most groups to get their comments in by the end of the month. The next release date for the draft is in January, along with the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Public hearings before the Regional Planning Commission will start in February 2014. They anticipate going before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in September 2014. The document can be found online at: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/>.

Over the years, the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) has provided numerous comments on the Draft General Plan and Draft HMA Ordinance. In a January 31, 2013 letter, WCCA commented on the Draft HMA Ordinance (December 6, 2012 version).

Excerpts of these documents and additional background materials are attached. The Governing Board may wish to discuss this item, discuss whether to direct staff to provide comments, and provide direction regarding the substance and tone of such comments.