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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2013

To: The Governing Board Members

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

Subject: **Agenda Item XI: Direction to staff regarding Cielo Vista Project Draft Environmental Impact Report No. 615, unincorporated Orange County (City of Yorba Linda Sphere of Influence).**

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

Background: The Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) No. 615 for the Cielo Vista Project in unincorporated Orange County (City of Yorba Linda Sphere of Influence) was released November 7, 2013. Comments are due December 23, 2013. The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) has not previously commented on this project. In a letter dated January 31, 2013, WCCA commented on the Notice of Preparation for the Esperanza Hills Specific Plan (PA 120037/VTTM 17522), located adjacent to (and east of) the Cielo Vista project, also in the City of Yorba Linda Sphere of Influence.

Attached are selected excerpts from the Cielo Vista DEIR, and other background information. The DEIR can be found online at:
<http://ocplanning.net/planning/land/projects/cielo>.

Some issues of potential interest to WCCA include: impacts to sensitive plant communities; impacts to the sensitive bird species, least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*); impacts to drainages; the relationship of the Cielo Vista project to the Esperanza Hills project; property access; and proposed changes to General Plan land use designation and zoning.

The Governing Board may wish to discuss this item, discuss whether to direct staff to provide comments, and provide direction regarding the substance of such comments.