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MEMORANDUM

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To: The Advisory Committee Members

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

Subject: **Agenda Item XI: Discussion and possible action regarding activities of the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Advisory Committee discuss this item and consider whether to recommend that the Governing Board give direction to staff to send the attached sample letter to the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority.

Background: The following item was included on the March 19, 2007 Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority (THCA) agenda: Item 5.2, Discussion of Proposed Request for Proposal. This item pertains to the Request for Proposals for Tres Hermanos Ranch Land Use Concept Planning Services (RFP; attached). This item has been discussed at several THCA meetings (e.g., see attached minutes from the August 28, 2006 THCA meeting). According to the City of Diamond Bar City Manager, Item 5.2 on the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority agenda for the March 19, 2007 meeting was postponed to the next THCA met, likely to be held in May.

According to the RFP, THCA is a joint powers agency created in 1999 by a joint powers agreement between the Cities of Chino Hills and Diamond Bar. The owner of the property is the Industry Urban Redevelopment Agency. The City of Industry serves as an ex-official member of the THCA. The purpose of the THCA is to coordinate the overall conservation and development of a large 2,400 acre undeveloped area of real property located within both cities, known as the Tres Hermanos Ranch. Tonner Canyon wash traverses most of the center portion of the site. The southern section of the Tres Hermanos Ranch property borders the Firestone Boy Scout Reservation.

The Advisory Committee may to consider recommending that the Governing Board direct staff to send a letter for the Chair to sign, substantially in accordance with the sample letter (attached). The letter would recommend that THCA modify the RFP to recognize and consider the Puente-Chino Hills wildlife corridor, and would recommend preservation of some portion of the property as permanent open space.