

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: September 27, 2004

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item 9(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing a temporary entry permit to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for relocation of the Mildas Road water line, Cold Creek watershed area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a temporary entry permit to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for the relocation of the Mildas Road waterline, Cold Creek Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles county.

Legislative Authority: Section 33203 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: See attached map, photos, letters and environmental document from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. The District has an existing water line easement along Mildas Road, over land owned by the Conservancy as part of the Wells Fargo donation. The proposed relocation of the water line has been deemed an urgent necessity by the Water District.

The water line leads to an important large above- ground water storage tank site. The Water District believes the line must be rerouted because of subsidence and movement on the road easement location such that major leaks or line failure could occur. It is contemplated that a permanent adjustment to the easement location will need to proceed through the State at a later time, with all costs including staff time to be reimbursed by the Water District. Much of the new line location is over rocky land. Archaeological review, and any revegetation or aesthetic improvements to the easement site or new line will be subject to consultation with the Conservancy with any costs to the Conservancy or its agents to be borne by the Water District. The Conservancy will also require an indemnity agreement from the Water District for any claims or liability that may arise directly or indirectly from the grant of the temporary entry permit, permanent easement and/or construction and operation of the water line and water tank.