

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE

GEWG Meeting
November 4, 2015



GEWG Webpage

- Link to Online Coordination Tool
- Agendas and notes from past meetings
- GEWG and subgroup member lists
- Presentations from past meetings or symposiums
- Survey guidance and protocols
- Current list of individuals permitted for research on Golden Eagles in California
- Various links (e.g., permits, renewable energy, research reports, etc.)



The screenshot shows the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website. The header includes the CA.GOV logo and navigation links for Home, Fishing, Hunting, Licenses & Permits, Conservation, Learning, and Explore. The main content area is titled "California and Nevada Golden Eagle Working Group" and features a photograph of a golden eagle. The page includes a sidebar with navigation links for Nongame Wildlife, CDFW Nongame Program contact information, and a "KEEP ME WILD" logo. The main text describes the group's purpose and provides links to a prospectus and an online coordination tool.

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Nongame Wildlife

- Habitats
- General Plant & Animal Information
- Plant and Animal Pictures
- Scientific Collecting Permits
- Publications
- Contact Information

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California and Nevada Golden Eagle Working Group

The Golden Eagle Working Group (GEWG) was established in 2011 and will be led on a rotational basis by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Migratory Bird Program, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). The purpose of the GEWG will be to provide a forum for state and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, researchers, landowners, and other interested parties to discuss and coordinate activities surrounding Golden Eagle inventory, monitoring, research, and conservation efforts in California and Nevada.

→ [Working Group Prospectus \(PDF\)](#)

[Access the Golden Eagle Online Coordination Tool.](#) The online coordination tool was developed by the Mojave Desert Ecosystem Program to help coordinate survey, monitoring, and research efforts among the entities conducting golden eagle activities in California and Nevada. The tool includes a user friendly mapping component that tracks information on project location, time frame, and contact information. **This tool does not house eagle observation data. It only houses project location data and contact information.** Those wishing to use this tool will need to request access, at which point they will be given a username and password to access the site. Information added to this site has to be reviewed by agency staff (CDFW, FWS and NDOW) prior to being viewed by users in the system. Information can be labeled as sensitive by agency staff, and in this case would not be viewable to all users.

Working Group Meetings and Products

- Next meeting: November 4, 2015 in Sacramento
 - [Agenda \(PDF\)](#) and Meeting Notes (to come)
- January 27, 2014
 - [Agenda \(PDF\)](#) and [Meeting Notes \(PDF\)](#)

Web Address:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/GEWG/>

Wildlife Investigation Lab

- ▣ Disease & contaminant surveillance
 - 81 GOEA's received between Jan 2013 & Sep 2015
 - ▣ 49 in adequate condition for thorough evaluation

Cause of Debilitation/Death*	Positive (Total)	Prevalence (%)
Anticoagulant rodenticide exposure	35 (39)	89.7
Lead exposure	6 (39)	15.4
Trauma (vehicle & wind)	23 (49)	50.0
Electrocution	2 (49)	4.1
Starvation	4 (49)	8.2
West Nile virus	3 (45)	6.7
Mange	2 (49)	4.1
Undetermined	4 (49)	8.2

*preliminary analysis as of 9/11/2015

Wildlife Investigation Lab

- ▣ Other updates
 - Mange confirmed in dead GOEA, Apr 2015
 - ▣ Confirmed (to-date): 4
 - ▣ Suspected (to-date): 11
 - Protocols now available
 - ▣ Mite sample collection
 - ▣ Minimizing transmission during banding & nest entry
 - Carcass submission for post-mortem exam & testing is available
 - ▣ Raptor carcass recovery form
 - ▣ Guidelines for carcass collection & submission

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PACIFIC FLYWAY UPDATE

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Eagle Subcommittee

Pacific Flyway Nongame Technical Committee consists of 9 members from the western state agencies (3 states are inactive), and one USFWS rep.

Nongame Technical Committee meets at least twice per year, with regular off-cycle meetings and products.

The Eagle Subcommittee formed in 2014 to address eagle topics relevant to the Flyway.

Eagle Subcommittee Tasks:

- Comments on the regulatory issues pertaining to eagles
 - E.g., Bald and Golden Eagle Act Take Rule
- Develop policy and research products pertaining to eagles
 - E.g., protocols and standards pertaining to eagle monitoring and research
- Representation on the USFWS ETAT (Arizona member), and review of ETAT draft products as appropriate.

