

## **California Northern Spotted Owl Stakeholder Forum**

**September 20, 2017**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the California Northern Spotted Owl Stakeholder Forum (Forum) is to provide a mechanism for state and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, researchers, landowners, and other interested parties to discuss and coordinate on topics surrounding northern spotted owl management and conservation efforts in California.

### **Agency Lead:**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will be the primary agency responsible for planning and convening each Forum. Staff from other agencies may participate in Forum planning and preparation.

Primary CDFW Contact: Mandy Culpepper, Environmental Scientist,  
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch's Timberland Conservation Program

Secondary CDFW Contact: Carie Battistone, Senior Environmental Scientist  
(Specialist), Wildlife Management Branch's Nongame Wildlife Program

### **Meetings:**

The Forum will occur at least once annually. Individuals or groups that participate in the Forum are free to meet separately to focus on and resolve specific issues.

Regular agenda items will include general updates from State and federal agencies, industrial landowners, nonindustrial landowners, researchers, and conservation groups. In addition, updates will be provided by the California Northern Spotted Owl Interagency Working Group and the California Barred Owl Science Team, as well as reports from any groups created and tasked with addressing specific issues identified at a previous meeting. The Forum will also include sessions for facilitated open discussion and information sharing.

CDFW will announce the date and location of each Forum and provide an agenda at least four weeks in advance.