

STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 17, 2019

7. BUMBLE BEES (CONSENT)**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive 90-day evaluation report from DFW for the petition to list four bumble bee species as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Oct 17, 2018 |
| • FGC staff transmitted petition to DFW | Oct 26, 2018 |
| • Public receipt of petition and approved DFW's request for a 30-day extension | Dec 12-13, 2018; Oceanside |
| • Today receive DFW 90-day evaluation | Apr 17, 2019; Santa Monica |
| • Determine if listing may be warranted | Jun 12-13, 2019; Redding |

Background

In Oct 2018, FGC received a petition from three organizations to list Crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), Franklin's bumble bee (*Bombus franklini*), Suckley cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus suckleyi*), and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis occidentalis*) as endangered under CESA.

At its Dec 2018 meeting, FGC approved a 30-day extension for DFW to complete its evaluation of the bumble bees petition, which is being received today under the consent calendar (Exhibit 1).

This meeting is not intended for FGC discussion and FGC cannot consider the petition at this meeting, as Fish and Game Code Section 2074 requires the public to have 30 days to review the petition after receipt by FGC and public release of the evaluation report; however, under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, FGC must allow public comment on this item if requested.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Accept any public comment and, under a motion to adopt the consent calendar, receive the DFW petition evaluation.

Exhibits

1. DFW 90-day evaluation report (to be delivered at the meeting)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 4-11 on the consent calendar.