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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF FINDINGS

Crotch Bumble Bee (*Bombus crotchii*), Franklin's Bumble Bee (*Bombus franklini*),
Suckley Cuckoo Bumble Bee (*Bombus suckleyi*), and
Western Bumble Bee (*Bombus occidentalis occidentalis*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), at its June 12, 2019 meeting in Redding, California, accepted for consideration the petition submitted 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 the California Endangered Species Act.

Pursuant to subdivision (e)(2) of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the Commission determined that the amount of information contained in the petition, when considered in light of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (DFW) written evaluation report, the comments received, and the remainder of the administrative record, would lead a reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial possibility the requested listing(s) could occur.

Based on that finding and the acceptance of the petition, the Commission is also providing notice that Crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), Franklin's bumble bee (*Bombus franklini*), Suckley cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus suckleyi*), and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis occidentalis*) are candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

Within one year of the date of publication of this notice of findings, the Department shall submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the petitioned action is warranted. Copies of the petition, as well as minutes of the June 12, 2019 Commission meeting, are on file and available for public review from Melissa Miller-Henson, Acting Executive Director, Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, California 95814, phone (916) 653-4899. Written comments or data related to the petitioned action should be directed to the Commission at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or email FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

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June 18, 2019

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