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**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF STATUS REVIEW FOR SAN BERNARDINO
KANGAROO RAT**

To whom it may concern:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has initiated a status review for the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.6 and is providing this notice pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.4 to solicit data and comments on the petitioned action from interested and affected parties.

The Department has initiated this status review following the Fish and Game Commission's (Commission) decision to accept for consideration the petition to list the species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) at its August 7, 2019 meeting. Having provided public notice (Cal. Reg. Notice Reg. 2019, No. 34-Z, p. 1182; Fish & Game Code, § 2074.2), the San Bernardino kangaroo rat is now a candidate species under CESA.

The Department has 12 months to review the petition, evaluate the available information, and report back to the Commission whether the petitioned action is warranted. (Fish & G. Code, § 2074.6.) The Department's recommendation must be based on the best scientific information available to the Department (Fish & Game Code, § 2074.6.).

Anyone with data or comments on this species' ecology, genetics, life history, distribution, abundance, habitat, the degree and immediacy of threats to reproduction or survival, adequacy of existing management, and recommendations for management of the species, is hereby requested to provide such data or comments to:

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Please submit two hard copies if submitting by surface mail. If submitting by email, please include "SBKR" in the subject heading.

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Responses and information received by **September 27, 2019**, will be evaluated for incorporation in the Department's final report to the Commission. The Department's written report will indicate, based on the best scientific information available, whether the Department concludes that the petitioned action is warranted or not warranted. Receipt of the report will be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Commission after delivery. The report will be made available to the public at that time. Following receipt of the Department's report, the Commission will allow a 30-day public comment period prior to taking any action on the Department's recommendation.

As candidate species, the San Bernardino kangaroo rat receives the same legal protection afforded to an endangered or threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, § 2085). Research on the species requires appropriate permits issued pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a). Detection information on the San Bernardino kangaroo rat should be sent to the California Natural Diversity Data Base at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/Submitting-Data>.

Interested researchers or anyone with questions may contact Scott Osborn at the email or address above, or at 916-324-3564.