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### **CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2073.3 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), on October 21, 2019, received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act.

Joshua tree occurs in desert grasslands and shrublands in hot, dry sites on flats, mesas, bajadas, and gentle slopes in the Mojave Desert. Soils in Joshua tree habitats are silts, loams, and/or sands and variously described as fine, loose, well drained, and/or gravelly, while the plants can reportedly tolerate alkaline and saline soils. Populations are discontinuous and reach their highest densities on well-drained sandy to gravelly alluvial fans adjacent to desert mountain ranges.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of the Fish and Game Code, on November 1, 2019, Commission staff transmitted the petition to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) for review pursuant to Section 2073.5 of said code. The Commission will receive the petition at its December 11-12, 2019 meeting in the Natural Resources Building Auditorium, First Floor, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California. It is anticipated that the Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its February 5-6, 2020, meeting in Sacramento.

Interested parties may contact Richard Macedo, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch Chief, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, telephone (916) 653-3861, or email [Richard.Macedo@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Richard.Macedo@wildlife.ca.gov) for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

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