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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF FINDINGS

Clara Hunt's Milkvetch
(*Astragalus claranus*)

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 February 21, 2020 meeting in Sacramento, California, found that there is sufficient information to indicate that a change in the status of Clara Hunt's milkvetch from threatened to endangered may be warranted based on the information in the record before the Commission.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), pursuant to the provisions of Section 2077 of the Fish and Game Code, completed a five-year status review of Clara Hunt's milkvetch. At its December 2019 meeting, the Commission received the Department's five-year status review report; based on its review, the Department recommends a change in this species' status from threatened to endangered. This Department report is the equivalent of a listing petition with a Department recommendation for the Commission to accept and consider under Fish and Game Code Section 2073.5 (Fish and Game Code sections 2072.7 and 2077(e)).

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 Department's five-year status review report, and the remainder of the administrative record, would lead a reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial possibility the requested listing could occur. Based on that finding, the Commission is also providing notice that Clara Hunt's milkvetch is a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

The Department must submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the action is warranted. Copies of the Department's five-year status review report, as well as minutes of the February 21, 2020 Commission meeting, are on file and available for public review from Melissa Miller-Henson, Executive Director, California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, California 95814, phone (916) 653-4899.

Written comments or data related to the potential change in status should be directed to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, Attn: Jeb Bjerke, or email nativeplants@wildlife.ca.gov (include "Clara Hunt's milkvetch" in the subject line). Submission of information via email is preferred.

March 3, 2020

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