

CDFW Staff Covid-19 Update #9

Friday, April 24, 2020

This email is being sent to CDFW All.

This update covers the following topics:

- **Earth Day 2020**
- **Launch of new California Natural Resources Agency Educational Portal**
- **Launch of new Task Requests for Teleworkers Webpage**
- **Health and Wellness Tips**
- **More Information**

Background

CDFW has established an internal task force that will monitor and message out to staff information from various sources and develop recommended actions to protect CDFW staff and mission-critical functions. These periodic CDFW All Staff COVID-19 Updates are intended to provide you with summarized information that is helpful to you as a state employee. The safety and well-being of staff is the Department's priority and we appreciate everyone's patience and willingness to adapt during this rapidly evolving situation.

Earth Day 2020

April 22 marked the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day! The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) launched a week-long events page with activities and content focused around Earth Day, <https://resources.ca.gov/earthday2020>. Events include a Secretary Speaker Series where you can join Secretary Crowfoot and special guests to reflect on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, as well as a series of Natural Resource Science "TED Talks." Learn about different science underway at the Natural Resources Agency and hear directly from scientists on what they're doing to protect and enhance our natural resources.

New CNRA Educational Portal

The CNRA has launched a new Educational Portal to provide numerous resources for kids, educators, and adults alike to help expand our understanding of the natural world. Check out these learning tools from across CNRA departments, bringing nature, culture, science, and learning for all! Topics include conservation, biodiversity, forestry and fire, oceans, science and the environment, tribal, water, and energy.

<https://resources.ca.gov/Newsroom/Educational-Portal/>

Task Requests for Teleworkers Webpage

The Department is committed to keeping staff fully engaged in useful, meaningful work during this emergency telework period. One way we are doing that is to connect staff members who may be underutilized with others who need help with tasks that can be done via telework. The [Task Requests for Teleworkers webpage](#) is intended to connect these two groups. Currently, only supervisors should enter task requests for this web tool; HRB will then review and categorize tasks. The kind of work that is best suited for this

effort are tasks that are straightforward and don't require highly specialized skillsets. Staff should not volunteer to take on any requested tasks at this time; supervisors will coordinate with staff for task sharing.

Health and Wellness Tips

The Department recognizes this is potentially a very difficult time for employees, given the significant disruption to both work and personal lives we are all experiencing. We encourage you to take time every day to participate in something relaxing and restorative.

Free Meditation Class – Sign Up!

Join Susan Stainman for a series of weekly 30-minute meditation classes where you will learn mindfulness tools to help manage stress, improve resiliency, and create new mental habits to help you through this moment and beyond.

You are invited to a Zoom Class on the following dates:

- Friday, May 1 at 03:00 PM
- Friday, May 8, at 03:00 PM

[REGISTER](#) in advance for this class. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the class. If you have any questions, please email Susan Stainman directly at susanstainman@gmail.com.

More Information

- On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a new Executive Order for all Californians to stay at home: <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>. The order is currently expanded through April 30, 2020.
- Information on the status of the COVID-19 crisis in California, as well as actions the state is taking in response can be found at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. Local public health agencies also have information on COVID-19, based on local conditions.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding COVID-19, please discuss with your supervisor. You may also direct HR-related questions to Covid-19LeaveSupport@wildlife.ca.gov or non-HR questions to COVID-19@wildlife.ca.gov.
- Past CDFW COVID-19 Updates can be viewed on the intranet at <https://dfgintranet/portal/tabid/2921/Default.aspx> (you must either be logged into the intranet or connected to the VPN for the link to function).