

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 24-25, 2020

**20. AGASSIZ'S DESERT TORTOISE (CONSENT)****Today's Item**Information Action 

Receive DFW's 90-day evaluation report for the petition to list Agassiz's desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) as a threatened or endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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| • Petition submitted                                       | Mar 23, 2020                                   |
| • FGC transmitted petition to DFW                          | Apr 13, 2020                                   |
| • Public receipt of petition                               | Apr 15-16, 2020; Teleconference                |
| • Published notice of receipt of petition                  | May 1, 2020                                    |
| • <b>Today's receipt of DFW's 90-day evaluation report</b> | <b>Jun 24-25, 2020; Webinar/teleconference</b> |
| • Receive DFW's 90-day evaluation report                   | Aug 19-20, 2020; Fortuna                       |
| • Determine if the petitioned action may be warranted      | Oct 14-15, 2020; Oakland                       |

**Background**

On Mar 23, 2020 FGC received a petition to change the status of Agassiz's desert tortoise from a threatened species to an endangered species under CESA. Pursuant to Section 2073 of the Fish and Game Code, FGC referred the petition to DFW for its evaluation. DFW's evaluation report is due Jul 12, 2020.

Staff mistakenly added this item to the draft list of agenda items that FGC approved at its Apr 15-16, 2020 meeting. FGC is expected to formally receive the evaluation report at its Aug 19-20, 2020 meeting.

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation**

**FGC staff:** Continue this item to the Aug 2020 FGC meeting, under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

**Exhibits (N/A)****Motion/Direction**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 19-23 on the consent calendar.