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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 June 29, 2020, received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity and the Endangered Habitats League to list Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

The Quino checkerspot butterfly is found in grasslands, open chaparral, and coastal shrublands with sparse vegetation surrounded by bare patches up to 5,000 feet in elevation. Habitat is best defined by presence of larval host plants, nectar resources, microtopography, cryptobiotic crust, and presence of episodic disturbances. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service defined primary constituent elements of Quino habitat as: (1) Grassland and open-canopy woody plant communities, such as coastal sage scrub, open red shank chaparral, and open juniper woodland, with host plants or nectar plants; (2) Undeveloped areas containing grassland or open-canopy woody plant communities, within and between habitat patches, utilized for Quino checkerspot butterfly mating, basking, and movement; or (3) Prominent topographic features, such as hills and/or ridges, with an open woody or herbaceous canopy at the top determined relative to other local topographic features.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of Fish and Game Code, on July 8, 2020, the Commission 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 August 19-20, 2020, via teleconference and webinar. It is anticipated that the Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its October 14-15, 2020, meeting via teleconference and webinar.

Interested parties may contact Erin Chappell, Environmental Program Manager, at California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA 95605 or (916) 373-6618 or Erin.Chappell@wildlife.ca.gov, for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

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