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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 July 6, 2021, received a petition from Chris McCarron and the California Native Plant Society to list Lime Ridge eriastrum (also known as Lime Ridge woolly star) (*Eriastrum erterrae*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

The Lime Ridge eriastrum is an annual wildflower found on Lime Ridge in Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County. The plant begins to flower in late May and blooms until mid to late June. Fruiting occurs in late June to mid-July. The plant is typically found in a very specific habitat that consists of compacted barren calcareous soil in ecotones between chaparral and grasslands or in open areas within shrublands. The soil in which occurrences of the plant have been found in is compacted and sandy with low nutrients and organic matter content. Lime Ridge eriastrum is exclusively found on rock outcrops with soils that are formed due to erosion and occurs between 190 to 280 meters in elevation.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of California Fish and Game Code, on July 15, 2021, 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 18, 2021 meeting, which will be held 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 December 15-16, 2021, meeting.

For information about the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species, interested parties may contact Isabel Baer, Native Plant Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, by mail at P.O. Box 94244-2090, Sacramento, California, 94244-2090, or telephone at (916) 203-3193, or email at Isabel.Baer@wildlife.ca.gov.

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