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## Fish and Game Commission



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### California Fish and Game Commission Notice of Findings

Western Burrowing Owl  
(*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2074.2 of the California Fish and Game Code (Fish and Game Code), the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), at its October 9-10, 2024 meeting, accepted for consideration the petition submitted to list western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

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 petition, when considered in light of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) written evaluation report, the comments received, 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 its determination and acceptance of the petition, the Commission is also providing notice that western burrowing owl is a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

Within one year of the date of publication of this notice of findings, the Department shall submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the petitioned action is warranted. Copies of the petition and minutes of the October 9-10, 2024 Commission meeting are on file and available for public review on the Commission's website at [fgc.ca.gov](http://fgc.ca.gov). If you would prefer to view the documents at the Commission's office, please make an appointment by phone at (916) 653-4899 or by sending an email to [fgc@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov).

Written comments or data related to the petitioned action should be directed to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Diversity Program, Attn: Endangered Species Listing Coordinator, Anne Hilborn via email at [wildlifemgt@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:wildlifemgt@wildlife.ca.gov) with "western burrowing owl" in the subject line. Alternatively, comments or data may be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. Submitting information via email is preferred.

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