15. Gerry's Curly-Leaved Monardella (Consent)

Today's Item Information ☐ Action ☒

Consider approving the Department's request for a 30-day extension to review the petition to list Gerry's curly-leaved monardella (*Monardella sinuata* subsp. *gerryi*) as a threatened or endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Received petition
 Transmitted petition to Department
 Public receipt of petition
 February 19, 2025
 February 28, 2025
 April 16, 2025
- Today consider/approve Department's June 11-12, 2025 request for 30-day extension

Background

On February 19, 2025, the Commission received a petition from California Native Plant Society to list Gerry's curly-leaved monardella as endangered under CESA. On February 28, 2025, Commission staff transmitted the petition to the Department for review.

California Fish and Game Code Section 2073.5 requires that the Department evaluate the petition and submit a written evaluation with a recommendation to the Commission within 90 days of receiving the petition. Under this section, the Department may request an extension of up to 30 days to complete the evaluation.

The Department has requested a 30-day extension (Exhibit 1). If approved, the due date for the Department's evaluation would change to June 19, 2025.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation

Commission staff: Approve the Department's request for a 30-day extension.

Exhibits

1. <u>Department memo requesting 30-day extension, received June 3, 2025</u>

Motion Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 12 through 21 on the consent calendar.

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Signed original on file, received June 3, 2025

Memorandum

Date: May 23, 2025

To: Melissa Miller-Henson

Executive Director

Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham

Director

Subject: Request for 30-day Extension, Gerry's Curly-Leaved Monardella Petition

Evaluation

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests a 30-day extension of time pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2073.5 to allow the Department additional time to analyze and evaluate the petition to list Gerry's curly-leaved monardella (*Monardella sinuata* subsp. *gerryi*) under the California Endangered Species Act and to complete the evaluation report. This extension would extend the Department's review time from 90 to 120 days and would change the due date of the Department's evaluation report from May 20, 2025 to June 19, 2025.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ryan Mathis, Acting Habitat Conservation Planning Branch Manager, at NativePlants@wildlife.ca.gov or

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