

Staff Summary for February 11-12, 2026

14. Regulation Change Petitions (Wildlife and Inland Fisheries) (Consent)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

This is a standing agenda item for the Commission to receive new regulation change petitions and act on regulation change petitions received from the public at previous meetings. This meeting will address:

- (A) Action on previously received regulation change petitions
- (B) Receipt of new petitions for regulation change
- (C) Comments received on referred petitions not yet scheduled for action

Summary of Previous/Future Actions**(A) *Petitions for Regulation Change - Scheduled for Action***

- Received petitions 2025-10 and 2025-12 December 10-11, 2025
- **Today potentially act on petitions February 11-12, 2026**

(B) *New Petitions for Regulation Change - Receipt*

- **Today receive new petitions February 11-12, 2026**
- Potentially act on new petitions April 15-16, 2026

(C) *Comments Received on Referred Petitions (N/A)***Background****(A) *Petitions for Regulation Change - Scheduled for Action***

Petitions received at the previous meeting are scheduled for Commission consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting. A petition may be: (1) denied, (2) granted, or (3) referred to a Commission committee, staff, legal counsel, or the Department for further evaluation or information gathering. Referred petitions are scheduled for action once a recommendation is received.

Today, one petition is scheduled for action:

- I. *Petition 2025-16: Request to update regulations for coyotes in urban cities*
(Exhibit A1)

The petitioner proposes several regulatory elements: (1) intervention protocols, (2) regulating attractants, (3) reporting, (4) education, and (5) definitions.

Staff Evaluation

Following input from the Department, staff finds that the proposed regulations are not warranted for multiple reasons: (1) Intervention protocols are more appropriate as Department policy to allow case-by-case flexibility, rather than fixed regulation. (2) Regulation of attractants (e.g., requiring wildlife-resistant trash containers) may be more appropriate for local ordinances than a statewide regulation since needs will

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vary from one locale to another, and leaving food that can attract wildlife is already prohibited in existing regulation. (3) Wildlife sightings can already be reported through the Department's Wildlife Incident Reporting System. (4) Education is best addressed through outreach and education programs rather than through regulation. (5) Definitions are only necessary in regulation when they have a regulatory effect, and staff recommends against promulgating the proposed regulations.

(B) *New Petitions for Regulation Change - Receipt*

Pursuant to Section 662, any person requesting that the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation must complete and submit Form FGC 1. Petitions submitted by the public are "received" at this meeting if they are delivered by the public comment or supplemental comment deadlines or delivered in person to the Commission meeting.

Under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Commission cannot discuss or act on any matter not included on the agenda, other than to determine whether to schedule issues raised by the public for consideration at future meetings. Thus, petitions for regulation change generally follow a two-meeting cycle of receipt and decision. The Commission will act on petitions received at today's meeting at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting (April 15-16, 2026) following staff evaluation, unless the petition is rejected under the 10-day staff review as prescribed in subsection 662(b).

The Commission received one new petition for regulation change by the comment deadline for this meeting, regarding deer hunting in Santa Barbara County (Exhibit B1).

(C) *Comments Received on Referred Petitions*

This item provides an opportunity for public comment on any petition previously referred for review and recommendation, but not yet ready for Commission action. Action on any referred petition will be scheduled once the Commission receives a recommendation.

Today, there are no comments on previously referred petitions.

Significant Public Comments

1. Petition 2025-16: The petitioner for Petition 2025-16 submits additional material to clarify its scope and intent, including example photographs and social media posts (Exhibit A2).
2. A commenter supports Petition 2025-16, citing human safety concerns and pet attacks (Exhibit A3).
3. A commenter relates positive impacts of coyotes, including rodent and feral cat control (Exhibit A4).

Recommendation

Commission staff: Deny Petition 2025-16 for the reasons stated in (A)I of the background section.

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Exhibits

- A1. [Petition 2025-16, received November 18, 2025](#)
- A2. [Email from Beverly Paras, received January 27, 2026](#)
- A3. [Email from Mark Prok, received January 2, 2026](#)
- A4. [Email from James Harvey, received January 29, 2026](#)
- B1. [Petition 2025-20, received December 20, 2025](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 14 through 15 on the consent calendar.



Tracking Number: (_____)

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SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Beverly Paras

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

- 2.** Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory authority which grants the Commission to take the action requested: Commission has authority under the CA Constitution and Fish & Game Code to regulate nongame mammals, including coyotes.
- 3.** Overview (Required): Request amendment to Title 14 §472 to modernize coyote rules, limit unsafe methods, address feeding, and support prevention.
- 4.** Rationale (Required): Current rules cause confusion and safety issues in cities. Updating §472 improves safety, reduces conflicts, and aligns with science.

SECTION II: Optional Information

- 5.** Date of petition: November 17, 2025

6. Category of Proposed Change

☐ Sport Fishing

☐ Commercial Fishing

☒ Hunting

☒ Other, please specify: Nongame Mammals / Urban Coyote Management



7. The proposal is to: Amend Title 14, Section 472
☒ Amend Title 14 Section(s): 472
☐ Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
☐ Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [Click here to enter text.](#)
☒ Not applicable.
9. Effective date: Earliest operative date available. No emergency requested.
10. Supporting documentation: See attached packet.
11. Economic or Fiscal Impacts: No significant fiscal impacts expected.
12. Forms: None.
[Click here to enter text.](#)

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [Click here to enter text.](#)

FGC staff action:

- ☐ Accept - complete
☐ Reject - incomplete
☐ Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: _____

Meeting date for FGC consideration: _____

FGC action:

- ☐ Denied by FGC
☐ Denied - same as petition _____
Tracking Number
☐ Granted for consideration of regulation change

Cover Letter

Dear California Fish and Game Commission,
Please accept this petition to modernize Title 14 §472 to address urban coyote conflicts, clarify regulatory language, and support prevention-focused management. The attached materials include the rationale, proposed language, and supporting documentation.

Letter Explaining the Reason for Modernizing Title 14 §472

California's urban and suburban regions are experiencing a significant increase in habituated coyote behavior. Current regulatory language in Title 14 §472 was created decades ago for rural and wildland contexts, not today's densely populated neighborhoods. As a result, residents, municipalities, and enforcement agencies face confusion, inconsistent responses, and an absence of clear guidance for preventing and addressing urban coyote conflicts.

Modernization is needed for four primary reasons:

1. Outdated Language

The current regulation contains no definitions, no explanation of purpose, and no distinction between rural coyote behavior and repeated conflict behavior occurring in neighborhoods, parks, and residential streets.

2. No Feeding or Attractant Provisions

Unregulated intentional and unintentional feeding — including unmanaged feral-cat feeding stations — leads directly to habituation. The current regulation provides no tools to address or prevent this.

3. No Urban-Conflict Framework

There is no structure for determining when a coyote's behavior transitions from normal wildland behavior to urban conflict behavior requiring intervention, such as yard entry, stalking pets, or repeated daylight boldness.

4. Lack of Prevention Requirements

Modern wildlife management emphasizes prevention first. Updated language supporting attractant control, community education, and reporting creates consistent statewide standards.

Updating Title 14 §472 does not increase lethal control; it improves clarity, transparency, safety, and science-based prevention. Cities, counties, and residents need regulatory language that reflects today's urban realities.

Petition Summary

This petition requests amendments to Title 14 §472 to improve clarity, safety, and management tools for urban environments experiencing increased habituated coyote behavior.

Proposed Urban Language Overview

- Add definitions for urban area, habituation, attractants, feeding, and conflict behavior.
- Add clear purpose statement applicable to populated regions.
- Add feeding prohibition and attractant rules.
- Distinguish between normal wildland behavior and urban conflict behavior.
- Provide structured intervention criteria for conflict situations.
- Support prevention through community education and attractant mitigation.

Photo Documentation Section (Photos Attached Separately)

Photos to be added separately illustrate habituated coyote behavior in residential environments. Captions will describe patterns such as reliance on food attractants, alley and yard movement, daylight exposure, reduced flight distance, and interactions with domestic animals and humans.

Side-by-Side Reference: Current Language vs. Hypothetical Modernized Urban Language

Current Title 14 §472	Hypothetical Modernized Urban Language
No stated purpose or urban context.	Adds clear purpose for managing and preventing coyote conflicts in populated areas.
No definitions provided.	Adds key definitions: urban area, conflict behavior, habituation, attractants, feeding, domestic animal protection.
No feeding prohibition.	Adds explicit feeding prohibition including negligent attractant placement and unmanaged feral-cat feeding sites in active conflict zones.
No distinction between rural and urban behavior.	Creates two behavioral categories: normal wildland behavior and urban conflict behavior requiring intervention.
Depredation allowed without modern structure.	Allows intervention only when documented conflict behavior exists, paired with a simple review or verification process.
No prevention or mitigation requirements.	Adds prevention requirements: attractant removal, securing areas, and basic community education.
No domestic-animal protection language.	Adds domestic-animal protections and required responses for repeated yard entry, stalking, or pet attacks.
No reporting requirements.	Adds annual reporting of sightings, conflicts, interventions, and feeding-related hotspots.

Kathy Hader
Park Santiago · 50m · 🌐

Coyote sighting Edgewood and French about 12:45pm today.



Broad daylight, a habituated coyote standing calmly in the open even with people nearby, acting like the neighborhood is his.



Midway City · 2d · Edited · 🌐



This big guy was hanging out in my backyard around 8:42 this morning. Please be careful and keep your pets inside. I'm on Carnegie and Newland.



Broad-daylight fence patrol.

Coyote strolling down Conway this morning/Thursday, about 9am - after being chased out of a backyard!



This is what really happens after a coyote is hazed out of a backyard it doesn't run, it doesn't show fear. It simply strolls away, calm and unfazed, then circles back when the person is gone. This is the behavior of a fully habituated coyote.



City Place · 1h · 🌐

Cute forest puppy has been in our neighborhood all day. Finally managed to catch a photo of him, but couldn't get him to come over.



Day-long lingering = this coyote is habituated.



ace



TODAY

10:16 PM

Don't know if this will help, but this coyote is under my front window in my front yard.

Thank you for all your efforts here.



A coyote so habituated it now sleeps inches from an occupied home—curled beneath a family's front window as if the yard were its den. This is no wildlife passing through. This is wildlife moving in."



Message





[See all 34 comments](#)



Coyote out in broad daylight, completely at ease."



Coyotes relaxing in broad daylight at Floral Park are a classic example of habituation.



North Yorba · 13 Sep

Coyote attacked my dog Wednesday morning in our backyard. Please be careful letting pets outside



This dog is recovering from a severe coyote attack that happened in the owner's backyard."



Brookhurst / Bolsa · 11 Aug

Please be careful with your pets. Three coyotes and a dead cat in my Neighbourhood near Bowling Green Park.



Coyotes are habituated, hunting in groups, moving in and out of our yards, and comfortable staying in the front yard after a kill."

Halecrest · 1h · Edited · 🌐

7:00 am today we had this large healthy looking coyote in our complex. Unfortunately, he killed the kitty. Giesler and college. Animal control was called and collected the remains. Kitty did have a collar on.



He killed a cat, stood his ground, and watched people watching him. Daylight. No fear. This is what happens when coyotes lose their fear of humans.

Calespana · 2d · 🌐

COYOTES ATTACK AGAIN!

This morning while I was picking up a friend for work and seen a Coyote with a cat in its mouth, just wanted to let everyone know because it was someone's pet (family member) and it was hard to see so keep your pets inside at night because they are out and searching for food.



Garden Grove, CA

Coyote carrying someone's pet in broad daylight. This behavior shows habituation because the coyote is comfortable moving openly around people and homes with no fear."



West Garden Grove North · 23h · 🌐



If you are missing a small black cat wearing this collar , I've just come across it's remains at Eastgate park 😭



This is all we can show. The rest was too heartbreaking. A cat's remains were found at Eastgate Park the collar is the only shareable part.

From: Beverly Paras <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 09:24 AM
To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>
Subject: Supplemental Materials – Petition 2025–16

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Dear Commissioners and Staff,

Attached please find supplemental materials submitted in support of Petition 2025–16.

These materials are provided for contextual understanding and are intended to illustrate existing urban conditions, documented patterns, and public response gaps across multiple jurisdictions. They are submitted consistent with the scope and intent described in the attached cover page and written comment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Beverly Paras
Petitioner, Petition 2025–16

Supplemental Materials – Petition 2025–16

This submission provides supplemental contextual materials in support of **Petition 2025–16**, which requests that Title 14 regulations be updated to acknowledge urban coyote conditions already recognized in practice.

The materials that follow are organized to illustrate existing conditions, documented patterns, and public response gaps across multiple Southern California jurisdictions, including Los Angeles County, Orange County, and Riverside County.

Section A provides a written clarification of the scope and intent of Petition 2025–16, including the distinction between state regulation and local ordinance authority. This section explains that regulations establish a statewide baseline, while enforcement and response remain fully within city and county control.

Section B presents visual documentation of daytime coyote presence in fully developed residential neighborhoods across multiple jurisdictions. These images demonstrate urban context and are not representative of open space or wildland conditions.

Section C includes an example of direct interaction involving a domestic animal, provided to illustrate potential outcomes when habituation and proximity increase.

Section D documents resident-reported feeding and food-conditioning behavior, including both intentional and unintentional actions, reflecting public misunderstanding already acknowledged in agency guidance.

Section E includes resident attempts to seek assistance, demonstrating recurring confusion regarding jurisdictional responsibility and available options.

Section F presents screenshots of public commentary from neighborhood forums, reflecting consistent themes across jurisdictions, including uncertainty, delayed response, and inconsistent outcomes.

These materials are submitted for contextual understanding only. They do not request enforcement action, propose local ordinances, mandate agency action, or remove or limit city or county authority.

Together, these materials support the request in Petition 2025–16 that Title 14 regulations be updated to reflect current urban conditions so that regulation, guidance, and local authority are aligned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Paras
Petitioner, Petition 2025–16

Written Public Comment
Petition 2025–16

I am submitting this written comment to clarify the scope and intent of Petition 2025–16 and to distinguish clearly between state regulation and local ordinance authority.

Title 14 regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission establish statewide baseline recognition of wildlife conditions and classifications. Regulations define context and consistency. They do not enforce behavior, impose penalties, or administer local programs.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Commission have authority to recognize conditions that exist statewide, including urban wildlife presence and conflict patterns. They do not have authority to impose local feeding bans, attractant enforcement, or municipal response protocols.

Local ordinances, often referred to as Title 10 animal control ordinances, are adopted and enforced by cities and counties. These ordinances govern feeding prohibitions, attractant management, enforcement authority, penalties, and response procedures. That authority remains fully local.

Petition 2025–16 does not remove, limit, or preempt local ordinance authority. It does not mandate enforcement or require cities or counties to adopt ordinances. It asks only that Title 14 be updated to acknowledge urban conditions that agencies and municipalities already recognize in practice.

Urban coyote activity and associated conflict already exist and are addressed inconsistently across jurisdictions. A clear statewide regulatory baseline allows local governments to design ordinances appropriate to their conditions. In high-activity or high-conflict areas, stronger Title 10–type ordinances can still be adopted. In lower-activity areas, lighter measures may be appropriate.

Regulation establishes the baseline. Ordinances determine enforcement and response.

Granting Petition 2025–16 does not decide outcomes. It allows this issue to proceed into formal rulemaking, where the regulatory framework can be evaluated transparently and within Commission authority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Beverly Paras

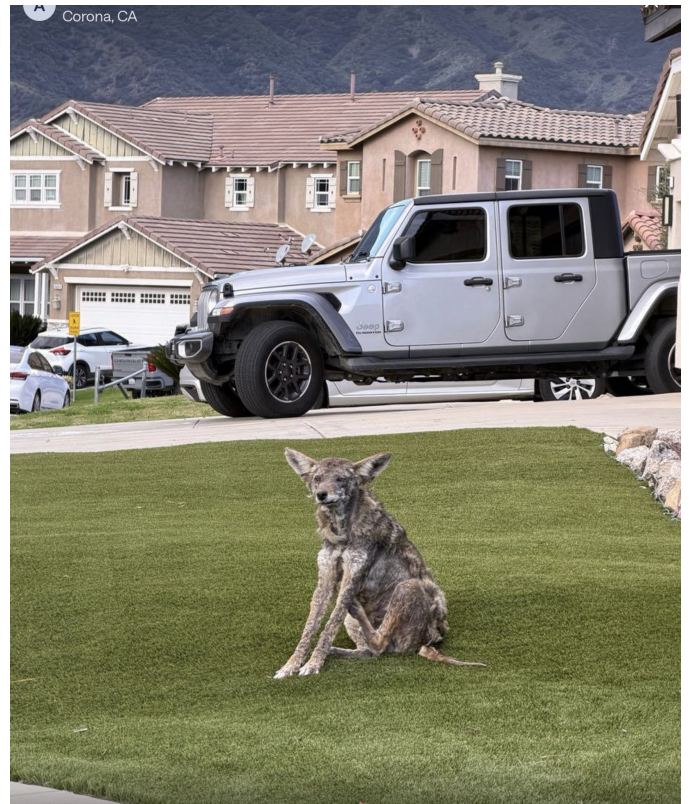
Daytime urban coyote sightings in residential areas across multiple Southern California cities.

Images shown are resident-shared photographs and publicly posted neighborhood camera captures from multiple Southern California cities.

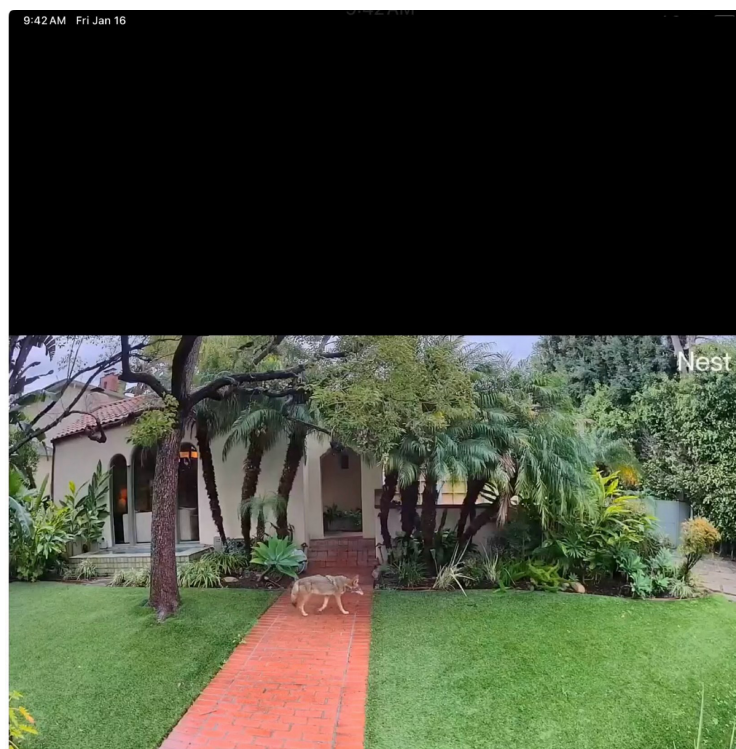
Brea, California



Corona, California



Los Angeles, California



These images are not presented to propose enforcement actions or local mandates. They illustrate conditions already recognized in agency guidance but not clearly reflected in regulation

The following images are screenshots from a video recorded at approximately 4:00 PM in Centennial Park, Tustin Meadows. The video shows a coyote moving through the park and approaching a woman walking a small dog on a leash in an open grassy area while spectators watch and record. Voices in the video comment on the time of day and the animal's condition. The woman notices the coyote, picks up her dog, and walks away, after which the coyote alters its path. Multiple people with leashed dogs remain nearby, and no hazing or deterrence is attempted.

Tustin Meadows · 3w · 🌐

Heads up neighbors!!

spotted a large coyote walking through Centennial Park in Tustin Meadows today around 4pm. There were kids and dogs nearby. Just a reminder to keep dogs on a leash and stay aware



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These exhibits consist of screenshots obtained from Nextdoor, a neighborhood based public forum where this petition originated. The screenshots document resident discussions and firsthand observations related to coyote feeding, human conditioning, and resulting conflicts. Each exhibit includes identifiable location and relative time information and can be independently verified through the Nextdoor platform by authorized parties. The exhibits are submitted to illustrate recurring patterns of behavior, public misunderstanding, and documented impacts as reported directly by residents.

Los Angeles, CA · 2d · Edited · 🌐

edit

Can believe I have to write this...I'm not against the coyotes being here. I'm against people feeding them when they are wild animals that should be left alone.

edit

Anyone else seen people feed the coyotes?

I saw someone leaving in a red Lexus last night at north corner of Hobart and Los Feliz that existed the car. Walked over to the coyotes (they all circled them) and then walked back a few minutes later. And whatever they carried they left there.

The coyotes is starting to move more into the neighborhoods so sort of was hoping there is any way to stop this...

2w · Studio City, CA

...

Someone is putting food out for them on Laurelcrest so you can send them there too.

♡ Like ◻ Reply ➦ Share

2w · Studio City, CA

...

____ I am on Laurelcrest and had my dog dragged off in front of me a month or so ago -- which I was able to chase and get by complete miracle. I posted on Nextdoor. Are you making fun of my dog being attacked and dragged away -- my post?

♡ ◻ Reply ➦ Share

2w · Studio City, CA

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scuse not at all! We have neighbors who are feeding coyotes intentionally with kibble, which conditions coyotes to associate our neighborhood and yards with meals. Some people are also feeding the coyotes unintentionally by leaving cat food out for feral cats.

Talk to your neighbors and ask them to stop leaving food out. Hopefully they will honor your request given the incident you had with a coyote and your pup. But warning, the feral cat advocates are very passionate about leaving food out for cats. (edited)

1 4d · Carson Park LB

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I feel bad for them
as they are just hungry. Still concerning though.
Maybe we should start feeding them dog food and
they won't go after our pets. I read they can be
domesticated.

This exhibit documents resident-reported coyote activity occurring on consecutive nights (11/26 and 11/27), including a reported near-miss involving a domestic cat. The information was shared with the petitioner through private resident communications on the Nextdoor platform.

Most materials in this submission reflect publicly viewable resident posts. The messages associated with this exhibit are private Nextdoor direct messages and are not publicly accessible. Personal identifiers have been removed.

Only relevant excerpts are shown for clarity and brevity. The full, unredacted direct message conversation can be provided to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife upon request.

11/27/25



3:42 AM

Yesterday morning and this morning



Figure 1–2: Motion-activated images showing coyote presence on consecutive nights (11/26 and 11/27) at approximately the same time of night.



6:58 PM

Im so glad she got away too. I'm going to report this area, I don't know if it will help, but I'll try. Did you happen to report the coyote in your backyard on the coyote site, <https://ucanr.edu/site/coyote-cacher>. This is a good tool to help show officials where the coyotes are. You can save it on your phone. It's not too late to report that coyote.



12/1/25

6:30 PM

I always report it when we see one. I think there's like, 11 or 12 reports from our yard. And I've reported ones I saw at neighbor's spots before, too.



Excerpt from a private Nextdoor direct message between residents reporting repeated coyote activity and a near-miss involving a cat.

7:44 AM

I haven't reached out yet because I've never done anything like this before and don't really know anything about the process or who to call 😬 but I have wanted for so long for this issue to be dealt with. They're a huge issue where I live and they've even stalked me while walking so now I walk with a taser. Someone posted that they chased a kid on a bike trying to bite him.

7:45 AM

i also have cats and of course they're indoor only but I'm terrified constantly of them accidentally getting out because the coyotes will come right to our driveway at night. I live in Eastbluff by a nature reserve so they're always howling and prowling

Urban Coyote Activity and Local Response Across Jurisdictions

What These Screenshots Show

The following screenshots are public posts from Nextdoor, reflecting resident experiences with urban coyote activity and attempts to seek assistance from local jurisdictions.

The screenshots include residents from Los Angeles County, Orange County, and Riverside County, including cities such as Rancho Palos Verdes, Anaheim, Laguna Beach, and Riverside. They are presented to demonstrate that similar concerns and response challenges are occurring across multiple counties, not within a single city or neighborhood.

· Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

The coyotes have become such a danger. They have been spotted, multiple times, by the elementary school during times when children are walking to class. They have no fear of people and are now out day and night. One menaced my senior mom and, despite reporting the incident, the city chooses to do nothing. They have killed multiple pets and stray cats and the beneficial wildlife, such as raccoons and opossums, have been decimated. We are asked to haze them but they are less and less responsive to hazing. I guess the city is waiting until someone is injured before they take any action. Thanks for letting us know

· 17w · Anaheim - Lincoln/Boysen

I've called and spoke with someone at the city. Basically they have a tracking map only. They won't do anything until a human is attacked. I do believe there should be a trap and release program where they move them into the hills or Orange County canyons. They are out of space here and have no more natural habitat. I don't think they want to pay for something like that though. Coyotes, like any other wild animal, keep breeding. It's getting worse and the coyotes are no longer fearful. My cats are indoor only and my dogs only go into the back yard with me at night so I don't have a direct issue but many have.

· Anaheim - Founders/Westmont

Thank you for going above and beyond to help your neighbors address this growing problem that our elected officials in Orange County have failed to address. It's been excuse after excuse.

1w · Laguna Beach, CA



CH 5 News, forgive me but from much experience the Media, doesn't have much of an idea just how prevalent Coyotes are. Like it's News to most of us that Coyotes have infested our neighborhoods. Cats are "Getting Lost" quicker than, well, is acceptable. I've reached out to all news stations for years pleading with them to air stories informing people just how serious this has gotten. Now they make it sound like, Oh all of a sudden we may see more Coyotes, as their having pups. If I'm unfortunate enough to hear one more person (often the elderly) say, If only I had known! It breaks my heart. All of a sudden, Their numbers have drastically escalated over the past 10-15 years. Of course there will be more after they have their pups. Forgive me but I don't understand how this is new, news? People NEED TO KNOW JUST HOW BAD IT'S GOTTEN !!!!!!!!!!! (edited)

· Riverside, CA

Our community been surrounded by coyotes, there's no solution to solve it by the city.

From: M P <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 2, 2026 12:37 PM
To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>
Subject: OC Title 14 and Experiences

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I support petition 2025-16.

Below are my experiences and public concerns within the last year in my residence, walking distance from downtown Disney.

Within **the last year alone**, my neighborhood has experienced repeated, escalating coyote incidents that demonstrate **severe habituation and loss of fear of humans**:

- **Spring 2025:** A neighbor's dog was **attacked in broad daylight** while being walked. The coyote showed **no fear of the owner**. Owner came directly to me later that day to warn me.
- **Spring 2025:** A coyote **chased a neighbor's cat into a tree at midnight**, actively hunting within our residential area.
- **Summer 2025:** A coyote was found **resting in broad daylight on a neighbor's footpath**, behaving as if the area were its home.
- **Fall 2025:** A coyote **stalked a parent walking with their child**, exhibiting clear predatory behavior. My immediate neighbor personally informed me.

Coyotes have **no natural predators in urban environments**. They are no longer passing through — **they have moved in**. They walk alongside pedestrians, remain active during the day as well as night, and show **no fear of people**.

The commonly promoted **long-term deterrence strategies** may have value in **rural or wildland settings**, where coyotes still associate humans with risk.

That is not the reality in urban neighborhoods. While updating Title 14 Section 472 is necessary, **this situation is already urgent**. I do support updating the **urban language in Title 14 Section 472**, But that update **must be recognized as only the first step**.

Regards,
Mark Prok

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: James Harvey <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 03:20 PM

To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Subject: Regarding Coyote Petition 2025-16

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Imagine what would happen if all the coyotes in the U.S. were suddenly eradicated. You'd see a cascade of ecological disruptions. The most immediate and visible effect would be a rodent population explosion. More rodents - including rats, mice, and gophers - mean increased disease transmission, just to name one major downside. There would be a surge in the feral cat population, which ironically would cause far more devastating impacts on songbirds and small wildlife than coyotes ever did. Cats kill an estimated 2.4 billion birds annually in the U.S. Municipalities would face massive increases in pest control costs. Professional rodent control would need to expand dramatically to handle what coyotes currently do for free. The irony is that eliminating coyotes would make urban neighborhoods less safe - trading rare coyote encounters for epidemic rodent populations, increasing rabies-carrying vectors such as raccoons and skunks, and exploding feral cat colonies that would make walking your dog or using your yard far more unpleasant than the ultra rare coyote encounter that results in human injury.



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1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Robert Blackstone

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: [division 1, chapter 2, Article 1, section 203.]

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: [Change 360 (C) 26 MA-3 Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Rifle/Archery buck hunt to **Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Rifle/Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt.**]

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: [I have been hunting in Santa Barbara County as a resident of the county for many years. I tend to see more DOE the Bucks.]

SECTION II: Optional Information

5. Date of Petition: 12/08/2025

6. Category of Proposed Change

☐ Sport Fishing

☐ Commercial Fishing

☒ Hunting

☐ Other, please specify: [Click here to enter text.]



7. **The proposal is to:** *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*
☒ Amend Title 14 Section(s): 360 (c) 26 |
☐ Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#) |
☐ Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#) |
8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [Click here to enter text.](#)
Or ☒ Not applicable.
9. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: 11/2026.
10. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: [Click here to enter text.](#)
11. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: [You may see an uptick in applications for this hunt if it is changed to any sex which would bring revenue to the CDFW.](#)
12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:
[Click here to enter text.](#) |

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: | 12/10/2025 |

FGC staff action:

- ☒ Accept - complete
☐ Reject - incomplete
☐ Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: |

Meeting date for FGC consideration: |

FGC action:

- ☐ Denied by FGC
☐ Denied - same as petition |
Tracking Number
☐ Granted for consideration of regulation change