



Tracking Number: (2025-16)

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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: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

- 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):
 - Repeal Title 14 Section(s):

- 8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition**
 - 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.
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SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received:

FGC staff action:

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

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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.

K Kelly Hunter
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."

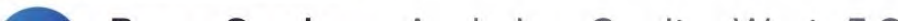


Message





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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.



11730-11740 Gilbert Street
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.