

STAFF SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2019

7. BUMBLE BEES (CONSENT)**Today's Item**Information Action

Receive 90-day evaluation report from DFW for the petition to list four bumble bees as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

FGC staff recommends that this item be continued to a future FGC meeting.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Oct 17, 2018 |
| • FGC staff transmitted petition to DFW | Oct 26, 2018 |
| • Published notice of receipt of petition | Nov 9, 2018 |
| • Public receipt of petition and approved DFW's request for a 30-day extension | Dec 12-13, 2018; Oceanside |

Background

In Oct 2018, FGC received a petition from three organizations to list Crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), Franklin's bumble bee (*Bombus franklini*), Suckley cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus suckleyi*), and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis occidentalis*) as endangered under CESA. California Fish and Game Code Section 2073.5 requires that DFW evaluate the petition and submit a written evaluation with a recommendation to FGC.

At its Dec 2018 meeting, FGC approved a 30-day extension for DFW to complete its evaluation of the bumble bees petition, making the due date for the report Feb 23, 2019. Also in Dec, FGC approved the draft agenda items for this meeting. FGC staff inadvertently included receipt of DFW's bumble bee petition evaluation in the list of potential agenda items without a notation about the need to move receipt to a future meeting if FGC approved the extension.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Continue to a future FGC meeting receipt of DFW's evaluation report for the petition to list four bumble bees as endangered under CESA.

Exhibits (N/A)**Motion/Direction**

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations under items 6-8 on the consent calendar.