



CALIFORNIA  
NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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California Fish and Game Commission  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA  
94244-2090

Memorandum: Evaluation of a Petition to List *Deinandra bacigalupii* (Livermore tarplant) under the California Endangered Species Act

Dear California Fish and Game Commission:

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) has reviewed a petition to list *Deinandra bacigalupii* (Livermore tarplant) as Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). We provide our recommendation below.

CNPS is a non-profit organization that works to protect California's native plant heritage and preserve it for future generations. CNPS' mission is to increase the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat. Our nearly 10,000 members promote native plant appreciation, research, education, and conservation through our 5 statewide programs and 34 regional chapters across the state of California, and Baja California, MX.

CNPS has completed a review of this petition for its scientific validity and conservation merits. The CNPS Rare Plant Program Committee has assessed the petition's scientific validity by evaluating the accuracy of information regarding taxonomy, ecology, life history, and demographic data presented herein. The CNPS Conservation Program Committee has assessed the petition's conservation merits by evaluating threats, stressors, and management information applicable to this species.

Based upon our review of these factors, CNPS finds the current status of *Deinandra bacigalupii* to merit consideration for listing as Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. Therefore, the California Native Plant Society endorses this petition and should be considered a co-sponsor of this effort.

Our organization looks forward to working with you to ensure *Deinandra bacigalupii* is provided the protections and management requirements afforded to it through the CESA. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding our review and endorsement.

Sincerely,

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Rare Plant Program Committee Chair

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