

January 28, 2015

To: California Fish and Game Commission

Re: Agenda Item #24 for Fish and Game Commission meeting agenda February 11-12, 2015

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the petition to list the flat-tailed horned lizard (FTHL) (*Phrynosoma mcallii*) as endangered pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), Fish and Game Code Section 2050, et seq.

I did research on the FTHL in the 1980's and 1990's with grants from the CDFG and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and I served on the USFWS review team that lead to the 1993 federal proposal to list the lizard as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. I've read the 2014 Center for Biodiversity's petition to list the FTHL as endangered and the CDFW evaluation report of the petition.

I concur with the findings of the CDFW report and the recommendation that listing may be warranted. I recommend that the Commission accept the findings of the report and render a determination that listing may be warranted.

Sincerely,



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Director