

STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 22-23, 2016

20. TOWNSEND'S BIG-EARED BAT (CONSENT)**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receipt of DFW's status review on the petition from Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) to list Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Nov 1, 2012 |
| • FGC transmits petition to DFW | Nov 9, 2012 |
| • Published notice of receipt of petition | Nov 30, 2012 |
| • Approved DFW request for 30-day extension | Dec 12, 2012; San Diego |
| • Received DFW's evaluation and recommendation | May 22, 2013; Los Angeles |
| • Accepted petition for candidacy | Jun 26, 2013; Sacramento |
| • Approved DFW request for six month extension | Dec 3, 2014; Van Nuys |
| • Today receipt of DFW's status review report | Jun 22-23, 2016; Bakersfield |
| • Take action to determine if listing is warranted | Aug 24-25, 2016; Folsom |

Background

California Fish and Game Code, Section 2074.6 requires that within 12 months of the date of publication of a notice of acceptance of a petition for consideration, FGC may grant an extension of up to six months if the director of DFW determines an extension is necessary to complete independent peer review of the report, and to provide a minimum of 30 days for public review of the peer reviewed report prior to the public hearing for final consideration.

DFW will provide a copy of its Townsend's big-eared bat status review report to FGC at its Jun 23, 2016 meeting. The document will be available for public review at www.wildlife.ca.gov.

The status review report represents DFW's final written review of the status of Townsend's big-eared bat and is based upon the best scientific information available to DFW. The status review report contains DFW's recommendation on the petition to list Townsend's big-eared bat as threatened or endangered.

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

Receive report under a motion to adopt the consent calendar; schedule final consideration of the petition at next scheduled meeting, Aug 24-25, 2016 in Folsom.

Exhibits (NA)**Motion/Direction**

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the consent calendar, items 19-25.