

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2073.3 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission, on January 9, 2003, received a petition from Dr. Grey Hayes to list the Scotts Valley polygonum (*Polygonum hickmanii*) as an endangered species. Scotts Valley polygonum is known from only two occurrences in the city of Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz County, California. It occupies less than one acre of habitat at these two occurrences, which span three privately owned parcels. No more than 3,500 total individual plants have been located in a single year. The species is threatened by urban development and associated disturbances, displacement by non-native grasses, and the increased possibility of extinction due to the small number of individuals and limited amount of occupied habitat.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of the Fish and Game Code, on January 16, 2003, the Commission transmitted the petition to the Department of Fish and Game for review pursuant to Section 2073.5 of said code. The Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its June 19, 2003 meeting in Mammoth Lakes, California. Interested parties may contact Ms. Sandra Morey, Chief, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch, Department of Fish and Game, at telephone (916) 653-4875 for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

April 8, 2003

Fish and Game Commission

Robert R. Treanor
Executive Director