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TO ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a Notice of Findings regarding the petition to list the western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. This notice will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on October 9, 2020.

Sincerely,

Jenn Greaves
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
NOTICE OF FINDINGS**

Western Joshua Tree
(*Yucca brevifolia*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), at its September 22, 2020 meeting, accepted for consideration the petition submitted to list the western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

Pursuant to subdivision (e)(2) of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the Commission determined that the amount of information contained in the petition, when considered in light of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (Department) written evaluation report, the comments received, and the remainder of the administrative record, would lead a reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial possibility the requested listing could occur.

Based on that finding and the acceptance of the petition, the Commission is also providing notice that the western Joshua tree is a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

Within one year of the date of publication of this notice of findings, the Department shall submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the petitioned action is warranted. Copies of the petition, as well as minutes of the September 22, 2020 Commission meeting, are on file and available for public review from Melissa Miller-Henson, Executive Director, California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, California 95814, phone (916) 653-4899.

Written comments or data related to the petitioned action should be directed to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, Attn: Jeb Bjerke or email nativeplants@wildlife.ca.gov (include "Western Joshua Tree) in the subject line. Submission of information via email is preferred.

September 24, 2020

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Executive Director