



May 27, 2025

## **NOTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR INPUT: CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT GUIDELINES FOR RECOVERY PLANNING**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has drafted *Guidelines for Recovery Planning* under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA; Fish & G. Code, §2079.1). This document is intended to guide the development of effective and actionable recovery plans to recover CESA-listed threatened and endangered species. We are soliciting your feedback on the proposed recovery planning framework and process.

The draft *Guidelines for Recovery Planning* are available at:  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/CESA/Recovery-Planning>.

### **CESA Recovery Planning Background**

In 2019, CESA was amended to give CDFW the authority to develop non-regulatory recovery plans for CESA-listed species (Fish & G. Code, §2079.1). The goal of recovery planning is to remove species from the list of threatened or endangered species by reducing threats, increasing survival and reproduction, and protecting habitat. Each recovery plan will include measurable criteria that help define when a species has been recovered and specific actions to achieve those criteria.

### **Public Comment Period**

The public comment period will occur between May 27 and July 31, 2025, and will include a hybrid public meeting (see below). Please submit written comments no later than **July 31, 2025**. Send submissions to CDFW by e-mail at [CESArecovery@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:CESArecovery@wildlife.ca.gov) and include "Guidelines for Recovery Planning" in the subject line. Comments may also be mailed to: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Branch, Attn: Austin Roy/Recovery Guidelines, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090.

Following the public comment period, the information received will be reviewed and considered during the development of the final guidelines document. Once completed, the *Guidelines for Recovery Planning* will be posted to the CDFW Recovery Planning website listed above.

### **Public Meeting**

As part of the public comment period, we invite participation in a public meeting discussing the proposed guidelines. The intent of this meeting is to present a summary of the proposed guidelines, receive public comment, and answer questions from participants.

The public meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17. For those that would like to attend in person, the meeting will be held at 715 P Street, Room 201, Sacramento, CA 95811. Remote attendance over Zoom is also available. Please register using the link below:

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Registration link:** [https://wildlife-ca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_I4hSqGxeR8GTPoDkLgbt9Q](https://wildlife-ca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I4hSqGxeR8GTPoDkLgbt9Q)

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the draft *Guidelines for Recovery Planning*. If you have any questions regarding this notification and request for input, please contact CDFW by e-mail at [CESArecovery@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:CESArecovery@wildlife.ca.gov).