

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 14-15, 2022

12. LIME RIDGE ERIASTRUM (CONSENT)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Consider approving DFW's request for a six-month extension to deliver its one-year status review report on the petition to list Lime Ridge eriastrum (*Eriastrum ertterae*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Jul 6, 2021 |
| • Transmitted petition to DFW | Jul 15, 2021 |
| • Published notice of receipt | Aug 6, 2021 |
| • Received DFW 90-day evaluation report | Dec 15-16, 2022; Webinar/Teleconference |
| • FGC determined petitioned action may be warranted | Feb 16-17, 2022; Webinar/Teleconference |
| • Today consider granting six-month extension to complete status review report | Dec 14-15, 2022; San Diego |

Background

On Jul 6, 2021, FGC received a petition from Christopher McCarron to list Lime Ridge eriastrum as endangered under CESA.

At its Feb 2022 meeting, FGC determined that the petition contains sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted. FGC published a notice of its determination and of Lime Ridge eriastrum's protected, candidate species status on Feb 22, 2022. Pursuant to California Fish and Game Code Section 2074.6, DFW has one year from the date of notice to complete a status review, unless FGC grants an extension of time.

Today, FGC will consider a request by DFW for a six-month extension to complete its status review to further analyze and evaluate the available science, to undergo the peer review process, and to complete its status review (Exhibit 1). FGC must receive the DFW status review report before FGC can make a final listing decision.

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

FGC staff: Approve request for a six-month extension to complete the status review report for Lime Ridge eriastrum under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

DFW: Approve request for a six-month extension to complete the status review report for Lime Ridge eriastrum.

Exhibits

1. [DFW memo, received Nov 7, 2022](#)

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Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 11 through 15 on the consent calendar.

Memorandum

Date: November 3, 2022

To: Melissa Miller-Henson
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: Request for Six-Month Extension, Lime Ridge Eriastrum Status Review

Per Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests an extension of time, by six months, to further analyze and evaluate available science, to undergo the peer review process, and to complete the Lime Ridge eriastrum status review. Such an extension would change the due date of the Department's report to September 4, 2023, which is 18 months from the date the candidacy findings were published (March 4, 2022).

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Jeff Drongesen, Branch Chief, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch at (916) 207-2823, or by e-mail at nativeplants@wildlife.ca.gov.

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