

identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

We solicit comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties concerning the proposal or the draft economic analysis. We particularly seek comments concerning:

(1) Does the analysis accurately capture and discuss plans or potential for development or conversion to agriculture within the area proposed to be designated;

(2) Does the analysis adequately address the indirect effects *e.g.*: property tax losses due to reduced home construction, losses to local business due to reduced construction activity

(3) Does the analysis accurately define and capture opportunity costs.

(4) Does the analysis adequately address the likelihood of "stigma effects" and costs associated with the designation; and

(5) Does the analysis adequately address the likely effects and resulting costs arising from the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws as a result of the designation.

References Cited

A complete list of all references cited herein, as well as others used in the development of the proposed critical

habitat and draft economic analysis, is available upon request from the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office (*see ADDRESSES* section).

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The primary author of this notice is Rick Farris (*see ADDRESSES* section)

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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