

County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING ALAN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

June 21, 2013

Jan Knight, Acting Field Supervisor U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office 2800 Cottage Way Room W-2605 Sacramento, CA 95825

Subject:

Request for Comment Period Extension for Proposed Rule Regarding listing of

Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog (Reference: Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2012-

0100; 4500030113 RIN 1018-AZ21)

Dear Ms. Knight:

Fresno County is requesting an extension of 60 days beyond the originally published comment deadline of June 24, 2013 as related to the above referenced proposal.

It appears that a fairly large land area within Fresno County is included in the area proposed for the listing. As such, the comment period is not adequate in that it does not provide the County the time necessary to fully analyze the proposal, especially in light of the controversial nature of the proposal. Therefore the County will require additional time to compile comments for submittal to your agency.

In addition, Fresno County anticipates that there may be a need to analyze probable economic impacts related to this proposed rule. The additional time requested to review the proposal would accommodate more authoritative comments which can be submitted for your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to receiving a response. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Will Kettler, Manager, Development Services Division, at (559) 600-4497.

Sincerely,

Alan Weaver, Director

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c: Bernard Jimenez, Deputy Director of Planning

William Kettler, Development Services Division Manager