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June 6, 2013

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

Dear Ms. Knight:

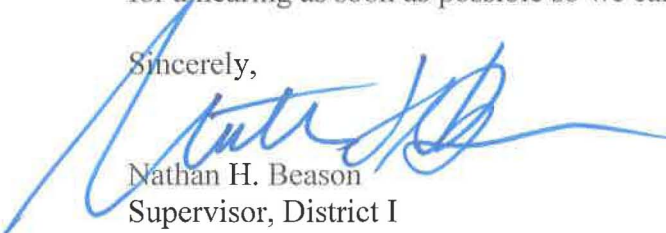
On behalf of Nevada County ("County") residents, we are requesting a field hearing for the proposed listing of the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, the northern DPS of the mountain yellow-legged frog, and the Yosemite toad. We would like that hearing to be held in Nevada City, CA in the Board of Supervisors Chambers and would be pleased to make the meeting arrangements for you.


Additionally, we are offering to work with you to organize the hearing to maximize mutual benefits to both the Fish and Wildlife Service and the public. Following the hearing, we would request a coordination meeting between representatives of the County Board of Supervisors and the Fish and Wildlife Service to consider what was learned from the hearing and begin incorporating that information in the development of the listing proposal.

To help us provide the best information possible, we are also requesting more information on the proposed critical habitat within the County. Prior to the hearing, please provide a detailed map of the designated habitat areas within the County. The existing map is too generalized to identify the proposed boundaries. Also please provide, prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the science used to support each and every designated habitat area within the County. Any additional relevant information on this subunit will help us provide meaningful comments. Finally, we request that no requirements be imposed on any ongoing or proposed projects until the final listing procedures are accomplished.

Thank you for considering this request for a field hearing and additional information. We look forward to working with you in this important decision. Please confirm your availability for a hearing as soon as possible so we can begin the necessary preparations.

Sincerely,


Nathan H. Beason
Supervisor, District I


Hank Weston
Supervisor, District IV

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