

California Fish and Game Commission
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Re: Support for CESA listing of imperiled burrowing owl populations

The undersigned 89 California conservation groups support the petition to list imperiled populations of the western burrowing owl in California under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). We support protecting the Southwestern California, Central-Western California, and San Francisco Bay Area burrowing owl populations as endangered, and the Central Valley and Southern Desert populations as threatened. Alternatively, we support listing the western burrowing owl in the entirety of California as a threatened species under CESA.

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