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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2073.3 and 2076.5 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), on August 19, 2015, received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*) as endangered via emergency regulation and via the listing process set forth under the California Endangered Species Act.

Tricolored blackbird was historically distributed throughout most of the Central Valley, adjacent foothills, coastal ranges and southern California. Habitat types required by this species include riparian, marsh, and agricultural fields. Tricolored blackbirds are medium-sized, nesting in dense colonies.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of Fish and Game Code, on August 20, 2015, the Commission referred the petition to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) for evaluation pursuant to Section 2073.5. The Commission will officially receive the Department's evaluation of the petition at its October 8, 2015, meeting in Los Angeles. The Commission will consider taking action on the petition at its December 10, 2015, meeting in San Diego.

Interested parties may contact Dr. Eric Loft, Wildlife Branch, Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1812 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95811, or telephone 916-445-3555, for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

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