

# California Fish and Game Commission

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

### Summary

#### SCH Number

TBD

#### Lead Agency

California Fish and Game Commission

#### Document Title

Proposed Amendments to Sections 550, 551, and 630, Department Lands Regulations and Adding Section 540, Neonicotinoid Pesticide Use is Prohibited on Department Lands

#### Document Type

NOI - Notice of Intent

#### Received

12/7/2023

#### Document Description

The Fish and Game Commission (Commission) proposes to add Section 540 and amend sections 550, 551 and 630, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) related to Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) lands regulations.

The proposed changes to the regulations will:

- Prohibit Department use of neonicotinoid pesticides on Department lands.
- Improve the clarity and consistency of the regulations that govern public use of lands owned and/or managed by the Department.
- Designate lands the Department has acquired as an ecological reserve or a wildlife area.
- Make site-specific regulation changes for certain properties to improve public safety, manage recreational opportunities, provide resource protection, and manage staff resources.
- Specify that the Department may issue permits for parking, camping, access to specific areas within a Department land, hunting or fishing in specific areas within a Department land, or other public uses, and shall determine permit distribution, duration, terms and conditions, and other specifications for the permits listed in Section 551, unless otherwise specified in statute or regulation.

A copy of the Negative Declaration, proposed rule, and supporting documents are available for review at <https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/2023-New-and-Proposed#540>

To have a copy sent via US Postal Service contact Sherrie Fonbuena at (916) 653-4899.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to:

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Comments on the Negative Declaration will be received from December 8, 2023 until 5:00 pm on January 8, 2024.

The Commission will consider this action at a meeting scheduled for February 14-15, 2024. Background information and information on public participation may be found at [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov).

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