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January 5, 2023

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Diversity Program
Attn: CESA Conservation Unit
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

RE: Correction to Notice of Status Review for Bumblebee

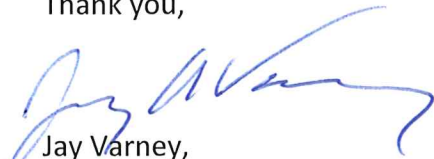
To Whom It May Concern,

Due to varying considerations that have prevented a collaborative response, we respectfully request an extension to submit data and comments regarding the candidacy of the Crotch Bumble Bee, Franklin's Bumble Bee, Suckley Cuckoo Bumble Bee, and Western Bumble Bee for listing under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish & G. Code, § 2074.4). The notice of status review was sent on Friday, December 9, 2022 with a deadline for receipt of comments by January 15, 2023. With holiday closures and staff vacations, a January 15, 2023 deadline for comment does not provide sufficient time to review and coordinate comments with our ag partners.

We believe this petitioned action is warranted and deserves careful review before a final determination is attained by the commission. We are requesting an extension of the comment deadline by three weeks, or February 5, 2023. As requested, we will utilize this time to closely review the information at our disposal regarding the general ecology of these species to effectively address all factors that may inhibit or impede the reproduction and survival of this varied but integral bumble bee population.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter as it has far-reaching implications not only for this agricultural region but to our respective counties and residents. We are hopeful that this request is granted and will be actively working on a response.

Thank you,


Jay Varney,
County Administrative Officer

