

9.a. **23-1354:**

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January 10, 2023  
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<b>DEPARTMENT</b> COUNTY ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT	<b>DEPARTMENT CONTACT</b> Yvette Gomez 559-675-7703	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b> <b>a</b> <b>SUPERVISORS AND STAFF REPORTS</b>								
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Request for extension to the comment deadline to list certain species of bees on the endangered species list	<b>REQUIRED VOTE:</b> 3/5 Vote Required	<b>DOC. ID NUMBER</b> 22-1354								
<b>STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA(S):</b> Community										
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<b>CLERK NOTES:</b>										
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Is this item Budgeted? N/A Will this item require additional personnel? N/A Previous Relevant Board Actions: N/A PowerPoint Presentation? No Supporting Documents: Other/Misc.	<b>DOCUMENT NO(S).</b>									

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## ATTACHMENTS

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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LETICIA GONZALEZ, District No. 4  
ROBERT (BOBBY) MACAULAY, District No. 5

KAREN POGUE, Chief Clerk of the Board

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**

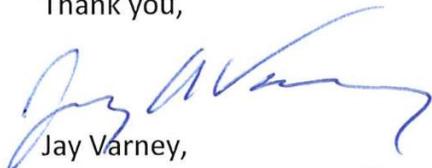
To Whom It May Concern,

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Jay Varney,  
County Administrative Officer

