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Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth St, Room 1320
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Subject: **List Wolves Now for Full Protection under the CA ESA**

Thank you for considering the petition to list the gray wolf in California.

It's well accepted that gray wolves will indeed be in California—if not very soon, then most likely within the next few years. The possible female wolf that may have joined OR 7 increases the odds greatly for at least one pack making it to California within a year or two.

We cannot be in a “reactive” mode after wolves are in California—the time to plan is now with all the legal precedents in place. There is no reason to postpone the listing.

California needs to be ahead of the curve for many reasons, but in particular so that people can adjust, learn about wolves in the wild, learn how to live with them without conflicts, and celebrate the momentous occasion of recovery that may occur in our lifetimes.

We urge a “YES” vote to list the gray wolf and grant them full protection under the California Endangered Species Act.

Thank you for considering our views,

Marilyn Jasper, Chair