

January 28, 2015

To: California Fish and Game Commission

Re: Agenda Item #24 for Fish and Game Commission meeting agenda February 11-12, 2015

Dear Commissioners,

I have conducted research on the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard, *Phrynosoma mcallii*, off and on since the early 1980s, funded in part through California Department of Fish and Wildlife grants. I was a member of the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard Conservation Team, a group of scientists assembled by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to provide scientific advice to the Interagency Coordinating Committee during preparation of the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard Rangeland Management Strategy. I served on the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan, where I assisted in modeling *P. mcallii* habitat for the plan.

Based on my experience with this species, I concur with the findings of the CDFW report and with the recommendation that listing may be warranted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Staff Biologist