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News Release



Fish and Wildlife Service to Host Open House on Draft Recovery Plan for Santa Ana Sucker

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Carlsbad, Calif. -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will host an open house on July 1, 2015, to inform the public about the draft Recovery Plan for the Santa Ana sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*).

The open house will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District, Building F, 4500 Glenwood Drive, Riverside, CA 92501.

Currently, Santa Ana suckers are found in portions of the San Gabriel, Los Angeles, and Santa Ana River watersheds in southern California. A draft Recovery Plan for the species was published by the Service on Nov. 24, 2014. We accepted comments until January 23, 2015.

The July 1 open house will begin with a brief presentation about the recovery planning process. After the presentation, the public will be able to meet informally with Service biologists to ask questions about Santa Ana sucker recovery efforts in the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, and Santa Ana River watersheds.

The Santa Ana sucker got its name from its physical appearance and behavior. The mouth parts have a downward orientation with fleshy extended lips that enable the fish to suck up algae, small invertebrates, and other organic matter. These small fish are usually less than 6 inches in length and live for about 3-4 years.

Santa Ana suckers were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 2000, due primarily to the loss, alteration, and degradation of its habitat from altered stream hydrology, and introduction of nonnative species.

Additional information about the Santa Ana sucker is available on our [ECOS website](#).

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