

## **Draft Recovery Plan for the Santa Barbara County Distinct Population Segment of the California Tiger Salamander**

### ***About the Document***

**Title:** Draft recovery plan for the Santa Barbara County distinct population segment of the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*).

**Subject and Purpose:** This document presents a program for the recovery of one DPS of California tiger salamander, including measurable and objective criteria and those actions necessary for achieving recovery.

### ***About the Peer Review Process***

**Type of review:** Letter.

**Number of reviewers:** We requested four and received two peer reviews.

**Reviewer Expertise:** Primary expertise for the review was familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements of the Santa Barbara DPS of California tiger salamander or the species as a whole.

**Selection of Peer Reviewer:** The Service selected peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter and lack of any conflicts of interest as described in the Office of Management Peer Review Guidelines.

**Management of Peer Review:** The peer review was managed by the Service.

**Estimated Start Date of Peer Review:** April, 2015

### ***About Public Participation***

**Opportunities for the Public:** The draft recovery plan was available for public review and comment following its publication on April 24, 2014. Responses to the comments received were included in the final recovery plan.

**Public nominations of peer reviewers:** No other individuals or groups were asked to nominate peer reviewers.

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