

Peer Review Reporting Plan for the Draft Recovery Plan for the Southern California Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-legged Frog (*Rana muscosa*)

About the Document

- Draft Recovery Plan for the Southern California Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-legged Frog (*Rana muscosa*)
- This document is the draft recovery plan for the southern California distinct population segment of the mountain yellow-legged frog. The goal of this recovery plan is to outline recovery actions needed to control or reduce threats to the extent that the mountain yellow-legged frog in southern California no longer requires protections afforded by the Endangered Species Act.
- We anticipate releasing the Final Recovery Plan for the Southern California Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-legged Frog (*Rana muscosa*) in December 2018.

About the Peer Review Process

- Letters requesting peer review were sent to six species or habitat experts. Responses to peer review comments will be published in the final recovery plan.
- Peer reviewers were selected by Pacific Southwest Service staff based on their knowledge and expertise of the mountain yellow-legged frog and its habitat, including: frog biology, conservation, and ecology. They include field biologists that are familiar with the area where the species occurs.
- We solicited peer review from individuals after release of the Notice of Availability. They will have until the end of the 60-day comment period, September 17, 2018, to submit their comments to the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.

About Public Participation

- A 60-day comment period was initiated on July 19, 2018 with publication of the Notice of Availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for the Southern California Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-legged Frog (*Rana muscosa*). In the notice, we asked that comments be submitted by mail or in person by September 17, 2018 to the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.

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For more details, see OMB Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review, available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/fy2005/m05-03.pdf>