

Peer Review Reporting Plan for the Draft Recovery Plan for the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*)

About the Document

- Draft Recovery Plan for the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*).
- This document is the draft recovery plan for the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*). The goal of this recovery plan is to outline recovery actions needed to control or reduce threats to the extent that the San Bernardino kangaroo rat in southern California no longer requires protections afforded by the Endangered Species Act.
- We anticipate releasing the Final Recovery Plan for the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) in 2021.

About the Peer Review Process

- Emails requesting peer review will be sent to at least three species or habitat experts. Responses to peer review comments will be published in the final recovery plan.
- Peer reviewers will be selected by Science Applications at the Pacific Southwest Regional Office based on their knowledge and expertise of the San Bernardino kangaroo rat and its habitat, including: kangaroo rat biology, conservation, and ecology. They will include field biologists that are familiar with the area where the species occurs.
- Peer reviewers will have until the end of the 30-day comment period to submit their comments to the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
- We anticipate peer review being conducted from April 1 – 30, 2020.

About Public Participation

- A 30-day public comment period will be initiated with publication of the Notice of Availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*). In the notice, we will ask that comments be submitted by mail, email, or in person 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>