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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments

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Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Travel Document (Carrier Documentation).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-131A; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or households. USCIS uses the information provided on Form I-131A to verify the status of permanent or conditional residents, and determine whether the applicant is eligible for the requested travel document.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I-131A is 4,110 and the estimated hour burden per response is .92 hours; biometrics processing is 4,110 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 8,590 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$704,620.

Dated: March 7, 2018.

**Samantha Deshommes,**

Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R8-ES-2017-N165;  
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#### Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal

permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing recovery permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before April 12, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; see **ADDRESSES** (telephone: 760-431-9440; fax: 760-431-9624).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We seek review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests.

#### Applicants

##### Permit No. TE-168927

*Applicant:* Bradford Hollingsworth, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, photograph, and release) the arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (*Anaxyrus californicus*) in conjunction with survey and scientific research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

##### Permit No. TE-58829C

*Applicant:* Benjamin Ruiz, Bakersfield, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the Fresno kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratooides exilis*), Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratooides nitratooides*), and giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

##### Permit No. TE-58844C

*Applicant:* Phillip Peters, San Francisco, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the California Clapper rail (California

Ridgway's rail) the California Ridgway's rail, formerly known as the California Clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*, or *R. obsoletus o.*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-58847C**

*Applicant:* Steven Manley, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, band, and release) the California least tern (*Sternula antillarum browni*) (*Sterna a. browni*) in conjunction with survey, population monitoring, and research activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-221295**

*Applicant:* Angelica Mendoza, Fontana, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (pursuit by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-115370**

*Applicant:* Gage Dayton, Santa Cruz, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, mark, collect tissues samples, photograph, release, collect a limited number of voucher specimens, and conduct habitat restoration for) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*) and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, mark, photograph, release, collect a limited number of voucher specimens, and conduct habitat restoration for) the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum*) in conjunction with survey, population monitoring, genetic sampling, research, and habitat restoration activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-54716A**

*Applicant:* Christine Harvey, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo

(*Vireo bellii pusillus*) and take (harass by survey, and locate and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-200339**

*Applicant:* Sarah Foster, Sacramento, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey) the California Clapper rail (California Ridgway's rail) (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) (*R. obsoletus o.*) and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-022649**

*Applicant:* Joseph Messin, Temecula, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, mark, and release) the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-92799B**

*Applicant:* Karl Fairchild, Fullerton, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-70880B**

*Applicant:* Michael Hobbs, San Jose, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-59233C**

*Applicant:* University of California Merced, Merced, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*) and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey and educational activities in Merced County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-59234C**

*Applicant:* Advanced Solutions for Earth's Future, Los Angeles, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-053598**

*Applicant:* Nicole Kimball, Spring Valley, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); and take (pursuit by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-19270Z**

*Applicant:* Jaime Kneitel, Sacramento, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta*

*longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-808242**

*Applicant:* Scott Cameron, Palmdale, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) and arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (*Anaxyrus californicus*) and take (pursue by survey) the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-72044A**

*Applicant:* Carl Demetropoulos, Thousand Oaks, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, mark, and release) the Mohave tui chub (*Gila bicolor mohavensis*), in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities on Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, in California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-02737B**

*Applicant:* Susan Dewar, Rocklin, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-59680C**

*Applicant:* Thea Wang, Los Angeles, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*), Stephens' kangaroo

rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*), and Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-095896**

*Applicant:* Phillip Richards, Laguna Hills, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*), Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*), and Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-59924C**

*Applicant:* Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, capture, and release) the Ohlone tiger beetle (*Cicindela ohlone*) in conjunction with survey and habitat enhancement activities in Santa Cruz County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-839213**

*Applicant:* David Muth, Martinez, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and conduct instructional workshops involving field survey methods) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*) and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, collect branchiopod cysts, process vernal pool soil samples, and conduct instructional workshops involving field survey methods) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey and educational activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-797234**

*Applicant:* LSA Associates, Point Richmond, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, collect branchiopod cysts, and process vernal pool soil samples) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) and California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*); and take (harass by survey) the California Clapper rail (California Ridgway's rail) (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) (*R. obsoletus o.*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-028223**

*Applicant:* Jonathan Stead, Oakland, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California and Oregon for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-203081**

*Applicant:* John Labonte, Goleta, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (harass by survey, capture, handle, take

tissue samples, remove hybrids from the wild, temporarily keep hybrids in captivity, euthanize hybrids, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County Distinct Population Segment) (*Ambystoma californiense*); and take (pursuit by survey) the El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-207873**

*Applicant:* Carol Thompson, Riverside, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (harass by locating and monitoring nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) and Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-60358C**

*Applicant:* California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-083348**

*Applicant:* San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, San Bernardino, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) and take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*

*extimus*) in conjunction with survey activities in San Bernardino County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-53771B**

*Applicant:* Erin Bergman, La Mesa, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment and renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (pursuit by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and mission blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides missionensis*); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release) the Casey's june beetle (*Dinacoma caseyi*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-091857**

*Applicant:* Denise Duffy and Associates, Inc., Monterey, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, take tissue samples, conduct habitat restoration for, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey, research, and habitat enhancement activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-837308**

*Applicant:* John Konecny, Valley Center, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by locating and monitoring nests, capture, handle, band, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, handle, band, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), take (harass by survey) the light-footed clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway's rail) (*Rallus longirostris levipis*) (*R. obsoletus*

*l.*) and Yuma clapper rail (Yuma Ridgway's rail) (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) (*R. obsoletus y.*), take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, handle, and band) the California least tern (*Sternula antillarum browni*) (*Sterna a. browni*), and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (*Anaxyrus californicus*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California and Nevada for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Public Comments**

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1004-0179 Agency Information Collection Activities; Helium Contracts**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), to renew control number 1004-0179, "Helium Contracts."