

June 8, 2022

WE MUST ACT NOW!

The information for the hearing to approve the Western Joshua Tree (*Yucca Brevifolia*) as a protected species is:

California Fish and Game Commission Joshua Tree Meeting
June 15-16, 2022
9:00 AM
100 S. Main Street (California Dept. of Transportation Building)
Conference Room 1.040 A, B, C
Los Angeles, CA 90012

[Instructions to attend meeting remotely](#)

This decision will have an extensive negative impact on the residential and commercial real estate markets in the California desert regions. According to Mr. Dan Richards (former Fish & Wildlife Commissioner), if this decision is approved, it could take 20 years to contest and hopefully overturn this decision. None of us have 20 years to dedicate to those actions because we failed to contest it now.

We are encouraging anyone who can attend this hearing to please do so and provide your views of opposition. Attendance is in-person or via Zoom. If you choose to express your opposition, please contact Ms. Leia Fletes, as soon as possible, to inform her you plan to testify in person or via Zoom.

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Also, sending letters opposing an “approval” decision to our Elected Officials, City Mayors, and California’s Fish & Game Chairman & Executive Director will help. The final decision can lie with the APPOINTED Commissioners, so we must prevent them from creating such an ill-fated issue for us all.

Use the below links to download the following:

- **[Draft Letter of Opposition](#)**
- **[Speaking Points](#)**
- **[Instructions to attend meeting remotely](#)**
- **[Meeting Location Map & Parking Info](#)**
- **[Meeting Agenda](#)**
- **[Western Joshua Tree Status Review](#)**

Again, I encourage anyone who can attend the hearing on in-person or via Zoom, to please do so. Also, send your letter of opposition.



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