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Support for Option 2 in Proposed Changes to Regulations Relating to Implementation of the Bobcat Protection Act of 2013

Dear President Jack Baylis and Commissioners:

The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) supports Option 2 in the proposed changes to regulations relating to implementation of the Bobcat Protection Act of 2013. WCCA previously submitted a letter dated August 14, 2013 in support of the Bobcat Protection Act.

WCCA was created to provide for the proper planning, conservation, environmental protection, and maintenance of the habitat and wildlife corridor between Whittier-Puente Hills, Chino Hills, and the Cleveland National Forest in the Santa Ana Mountains. This wildlife corridor is capable of sustaining or connecting habitat for large mammals and threatened and endangered species. It is one of our main goals to ensure that sufficient continuity of habitat can be preserved to maintain a functioning wildlife corridor within this area.

The bobcat population is considered one of the umbrella species in this and other ecosystems, where they have a direct impact on regulating the populations of rodents and other small mammals. They face threats such as habitat loss and disease. Protecting their populations would play an integral role in preserving the well-being and health of this and other ecosystems. We urge the Commission to extend protections by prohibiting trapping throughout the state.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, please contact Judi Tamasi of our staff by phone at (310) 589-3230, ext. 121, or by email at judi.tamasi@mrca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Glenn Parker
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