

Peer Review Plan for the Proposed Delisting of San Benito Evening Primrose (*Camissonia benitensis*)

About the Document

Titles:

1) Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Removing *Camissonia benitensis* (San Benito evening-primrose) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants and Draft Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan

Description of Documents:

1) The proposed delisting of the San Benito evening primrose is intended to be an in-depth review of the species' biology and stressors, an evaluation of its biological status currently and in the future if delisted, and an assessment of the resources and conditions needed to maintain long-term viability. The draft Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan is designed to verify that the species remains secure from risk of extinction after its removal from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Individual letters

Number of reviewers: The peer review process will include written requests for peer review from six peer reviewers.

Selection of Peer Reviewers: The Service selected peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter.

Reviewer expertise: Expertise sought for the review includes familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements for the San Benito evening primrose, its morphological and genetic characteristics, and similarities with other similar plants.

Estimated start date of peer review: September 30, 2019.

About Public Participation

Opportunities for the Public: The public had an opportunity to provide information regarding the San Benito Evening Primrose following the publication of the 12-month finding in the **Federal Register** (50 FR 5755-5759; February 12, 1985). Should we determine that delisting of this species is warranted, a notice in the **Federal Register** will initiate another opportunity for the public to provide comments and information through the standard rule-making process (e.g., via www.regulations.gov).

The Service also submitted the draft Proposed Delisting of the San Benito Evening Primrose for review and comment to: 1 State agency, 2 Federal agencies, and to relevant Tribal partners.

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