

February 6, 2025

Mr. Charlton Bonham

Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Bonham,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the Catalina Island Restoration Project, and Scientific Collection Permit for the eradication of invasive mule deer which aims to preserve and enhance the natural ecosystem of this unique and treasured island. This initiative is crucial for maintaining biodiversity, protecting endangered species, and ensuring the longevity of Catalina Island's natural beauty for future generations.

The Catalina Island Restoration Project represents a collaborative effort based on the expertise of their scientists and partners in conservation. By implementing science-based strategies and sustainable practices, this project will address critical environmental challenges such as habitat degradation, invasive species, restoration/preservation of native flora and climate change impacts.

Our organization, the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy, has long been committed to environmental preservation and sustainable land management. We believe that the success of the Catalina Island Restoration Project will serve as a model for similar conservation efforts across California and beyond.

Sincerely,



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