

1 Association, and Coalition to Save Catalina Island Deer and Respondent California Department of Fish
2 and Wildlife, through their attorneys of record, hereby stipulate as follows:

3 WHEREAS, Petitioners named both the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“CDFW”)
4 and the South Coast Region of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“South Coast Region”)
5 as Respondents in their Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate or Other Appropriate Relief;

6 WHEREAS, CDFW represents that the South Coast Region is a division of CDFW, not a
7 separate entity, and is not a necessary party to this action, despite being identified as the Lead Agency
8 for the Project at issue in this matter, because CDFW has ultimate control over the South Coast Region;

9 WHEREAS, CDFW represents that it is the Lead Agency for purposes of this matter and, as
10 such, it is authorized to and will prepare the administrative record in this matter, not the South Coast
11 Region;

12 WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the allegations made in the Verified Petition for Writ of
13 Mandate or Other Appropriate Relief for this matter concerning the South Coast Region of the CDFW
14 will be treated as allegations concerning the CDFW;

15 NOW THEREFORE, the Parties stipulate and hereby request that the Court enter the following
16 orders:

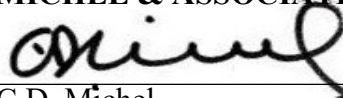
17 1. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, South Coast Region is dismissed
18 without prejudice as a Respondent in this matter.

19 2. The allegations made in the Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate or Other Appropriate
20 Relief concerning the South Coast Region be treated as allegations concerning the CDFW.

21 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

22 Dated: April 30, 2026

23 Respectfully submitted,
24 MICHEL & ASSOCIATES, P.C.



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27 International; California Rifle & Pistol Association,
28 Incorporated; California Bowmen Hunters and State
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California Deer Association; and Coalition to Save
Catalina Island Deer

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1 Dated: April 29, 2026

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon stipulation of the parties, the Court, having fully considered the stipulation, and after good cause being shown, makes the following Order:

1. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, South Coast Region is dismissed without prejudice as a Respondent in this matter.
2. The allegations made in the Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate or Other Appropriate Relief concerning the South Coast Region be treated as allegations concerning the CDFW.
3. Petitioners to give notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Curtis A. Kin

Curtis A. Kin / Judge

Date: 05/04/2026

Hon. Curtis A. Kin
Judge of the Superior Court

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I, Laura Fera, am employed in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. I am over the age eighteen (18) years and am not a party to the within action. My business address is 180 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802.

On April 30, 2026, I served the foregoing document(s) described as

JOINT STIPULATION TO DISMISS DEFENDANT-RESPONDENT CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, SOUTH COAST REGION; [PROPOSED] ORDER

on the interested parties in this action by placing
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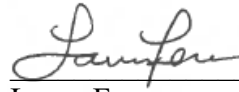
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(BY ELECTRONIC MAIL) As follows: I served a true and correct copy by electronic transmission pursuant to CCP 1010.6. Said transmission was reported and completed without error.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
true and correct.

2 Executed April 30, 2026, at Long Beach, California.

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