

(5) The applicant will carry out any other measures that the Service may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan.

### Proposed Action

The Service proposes to issue the requested ITP based on the applicant's commitment to implement the renewed 2002 HCP for Hawaiian stilt at the Cyanotech aquaculture facility, Keahole Point, Hawaii. On March 18, 2002, the Service approved Cyanotech's HCP and issued an ITP with a duration of 3 years for take of the endangered Hawaiian stilt incidental to ongoing operations and maintenance activities of the aquaculture facility. In September 2006, the Service permitted a 10-year extension of the ITP, which expired in March 2016. The 2006 ITP authorizes take of the covered species so long as the total number of stilts fledged at off-site locations is greater than the number of stilts incidentally taken over the ten-year permit term. In October 2015, Cyanotech submitted an application for renewal of the ITP and the HCP for an additional 19 years, until 2035. This request is being considered pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA.

Cyanotech proposes to continue normal microalgae operations, daily monitoring and maintenance at its aquaculture facility, and implementation of minimization measures described in their 2002 HCP and 2006 HCP amendment until 2035. All provisions for reporting, monitoring, adaptive management, and funding assurances from the original HCP will be maintained. Cyanotech currently has a net mitigation offset of 32 fledglings, and incidental take is not expected to exceed 1 stilt fledgling per year. Therefore, it is expected that the current offset of 32 fledglings is sufficient to compensate for take of an additional 20 Hawaiian stilt fledglings over the 19-year permit renewal term. No additional compensatory mitigation is being proposed.

### National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

The proposed issuance of an ITP is a Federal action that triggers the need for compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Pursuant to NEPA, we prepared an Environmental Action Statement (EAS) to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed Federal action of issuing the requested ITP and implementation of the conservation program under the HCP.

Based on the EAS, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed renewal of the ITP and HCP would have minor or negligible effects

on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, we determined that the proposed HCP permit renewal qualifies for a categorical exclusion under NEPA, as provided by the Department of the Interior NEPA regulations (43 CFR part 46).

### Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our Pacific Islands Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

### Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**Katherine B. Hollar,**

*Acting Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R8-ES-2018-N144;  
FXES11130800000-178-FF08E00000]**

### Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct

activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before March 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TEXXXXXX).

• *Email:* [permitsr8es@fws.gov](mailto:permitsr8es@fws.gov).

• *U.S. Mail:* Daniel Marquez, Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Marquez, via phone at 760-431-9440, via email at [permitsr8es@fws.gov](mailto:permitsr8es@fws.gov), or via the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

### Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 for

endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

**Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE-817400 .....	East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salt marsh harvest mouse (<i>Reithrodontomys raviventris</i>).</li> <li>• California least tern (<i>Sterna antillarum browni</i> (<i>Sterna a. browni</i>)).</li> <li>• California clapper rail (<i>Rallus longirostris obsoletus</i>).</li> <li>• Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>).</li> <li>• Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>).</li> <li>• San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>).</li> <li>• Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>).</li> <li>• Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey, mark, track, nest monitor, collect vouchers.	Capture, handle, insert PIT tags, collect vouchers, monitor nests.	Renew and Amend.
TE-102310 .....	Mitchell Dallas, Morro Bay, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>).</li> <li>• Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>).</li> <li>• San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>).</li> <li>• Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>).</li> <li>• Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey, collect soil, identify branchiopod eggs.	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect soil.	Renew.
TE-14749C .....	Lorena Bernal, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>).</li> <li>• Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>).</li> <li>• San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>).</li> <li>• Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>).</li> <li>• Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey .....	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	New.
TE-237061 .....	Daniel Chase, San Francisco, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tidewater goby (<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey and collect vouchers.	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	Renew.
TE-012973 .....	Ecorp Consulting, Rocklin, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys merriami parvus</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey .....	Capture, handle, and release.	Amend.
TE-08086D .....	Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Jose, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California clapper rail (<i>Rallus longirostris obsoletus</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey .....	Survey .....	New.

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TE-41182B .....	Karen Pope, Arcata, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (<i>Rana sierrae</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey and research studies.	Capture, handle, take skin swabs, insert PIT tags, collect vouchers, salvage, and test for disease.	Renew and Amend.
TE-094893 .....	Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoffmann's rock-creep (<i>Arabis hoffmannii</i>).</li> <li>Santa Rosa Island manzanita (<i>Arctostaphylos confertiflora</i>)</li> <li>Marsh Sandwort (<i>Arenaria paludicola</i>)</li> <li>Clara Hunt's milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus claranus</i>)</li> <li>Ventura Marsh milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus pycnostachyus</i> var. <i>lanosissimus</i>)</li> <li>Braunton's milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus brauntonii</i>)</li> <li>Coastal dunes milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus tener</i> var. <i>titi</i>)</li> <li>Nevin's barberry (<i>Berberis nevinii</i>)</li> <li>Island Barberry (<i>Berberis pinnata</i> ssp. <i>insularis</i>)</li> <li>Tiburon paintbrush (<i>Castilleja affinis</i> ssp. <i>neglecta</i>)</li> <li>Soft-leaved paintbrush (<i>Castilleja mollis</i>)</li> <li>California jewelflower (<i>Caulanthus californicus</i>)</li> <li>Coyote ceanothus (<i>Ceanothus ferrisiae</i>)</li> <li>Catalina Island mountain-mahogany (<i>Cercocarpus traskiae</i>)</li> <li>Chorro Creek bog thistle (<i>Cirsium fontinale</i> var. <i>obispoense</i>)</li> <li>La Graciosa thistle (<i>Cirsium loncholepis</i>)</li> <li>Presidio clarkia (<i>Clarkia franciscana</i>)</li> <li>Vine Hill clarkia (<i>Clarkia imbricata</i>)</li> <li>Pismo clarkia (<i>Clarkia speciosa</i> ssp. <i>immaculata</i>)</li> <li>Soft bird's-beak (<i>Cordylanthus mollis</i> ssp. <i>mollis</i>)</li> <li>Salt marsh bird's-beak (<i>Cordylanthus maritimus</i> ssp. <i>maritimus</i>)</li> <li>Gaviota Tarplant (<i>Deinandra increscens</i> ssp. <i>villosa</i>)</li> <li>San Clemente Island larkspur (<i>Delphinium variegatum</i> ssp. <i>kinkiense</i>)</li> <li>Vandenberg monkeyflower (<i>Diplacus vandenbergensis</i>)</li> <li>Santa Clara Valley dudleya (<i>Dudleya setchellii</i>)</li> </ul>	CA	Remove/reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction.	Collect, bank seeds .....	Renew and Amend.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santa Barbara Island liveforever (<i>Dudleya traskiae</i>)</li> <li>• Kern mallow (<i>Eremalche kernensis</i>)</li> <li>• Indian Knob mountainbalm (<i>Eriodictyon altissimum</i>)</li> <li>• Lompoc yerba santa (<i>Eriodictyon capitatum</i>)</li> <li>• Loch Lomond coyote thistle (<i>Eryngium constancei</i>)</li> <li>• San Diego button-celery (<i>Eryngium aristulatum</i> var. <i>parishii</i>)</li> <li>• Menzies' wallflower (<i>Erysimum menziesii</i>)</li> <li>• Island bedstraw (<i>Galium buxifolium</i>)</li> <li>• Monterey gilia (<i>Gilia tenuiflora</i> ssp. <i>arenaria</i>)</li> <li>• Hoffmann's slender-flowered gilia (<i>Gilia tenuiflora</i> ssp. <i>hoffmannii</i>)</li> <li>• Contra Costa goldfields (<i>Lasthenia conjugens</i>)</li> <li>• Burke's goldfields (<i>Lasthenia burkei</i>)</li> <li>• Beach layia (<i>Layia carnosae</i>)</li> <li>• San Joaquin woolly-threads (<i>Monolopia</i> (= <i>Lembertia</i>) <i>congdonii</i>)</li> <li>• Sebastopol meadowfoam (<i>Limnanthes vinculans</i>)</li> <li>• San Clemente Island woodland-star (<i>Lithophragma maximum</i>)</li> <li>• Nipomo Mesa lupine (<i>Lupinus nipomensis</i>)</li> <li>• San Clemente Island bush-mallow (<i>Malacothamnus clementinus</i>)</li> <li>• Santa Cruz Island bush-mallow (<i>Malacothamnus fasciculatus</i> var. <i>nesioticus</i>)</li> <li>• Island malacothrix (<i>Malacothrix squalida</i>)</li> <li>• Santa Cruz Island malacothrix (<i>Malacothrix indecora</i>)</li> <li>• Bakersfield cactus (<i>Opuntia treleasei</i>)</li> <li>• California Orcutt grass (<i>Orcuttia californica</i>)</li> <li>• Lyon's pentachaeta (<i>Pentachaeta lyonii</i>)</li> <li>• Island phacelia (<i>Phacelia insularis</i> ssp. <i>insularis</i>)</li> <li>• Yadon's piperia (<i>Piperia yadonii</i>)</li> <li>• Calistoga allocarya (<i>Plagiobothrys strictus</i>)</li> </ul>				

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TE-797999 .....	Merkel & Associates, Inc., San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Diego mesa-mint (<i>Pogogyne abramsii</i>)</li> <li>• Otay mesa-mint (<i>Pogogyne nudiuscula</i>)</li> <li>• Gambel's watercress (<i>Rorippa gambellii</i>)</li> <li>• Santa Cruz Island rockcress (<i>Sibara filifolia</i>)</li> <li>• Keck's Checker-mallow (<i>Sidalcea keckii</i>)</li> <li>• California seablite (<i>Suaeda californica</i>)</li> <li>• Santa Cruz Island fringe-pod (<i>Thysanocarpus conchuliferus</i>).</li> <li>• Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>),</li> <li>• Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>),</li> <li>• San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>),</li> <li>• Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>),</li> <li>• Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>),</li> <li>• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>),</li> <li>• Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>)</li> <li>• Light-footed clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus l.</i>)</li> <li>• Unarmored threespine stickleback (<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni</i>)</li> <li>• Tidewater goby (<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey .....	Survey, Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	Renew.
TE-11825D .....	Autumn Skimin, Georgetown, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservancy fairy shrimp (&amp;),</li> <li>• Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>),</li> <li>• San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>),</li> <li>• Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>),</li> <li>• Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey .....	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	New.
TE-11840D .....	Josh Weinik, Long Beach, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• El Segundo blue butterfly (<i>Euphilotes battoides allyni</i>),</li> <li>• Palos Verdes blue butterfly (<i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus palosverdesensis</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey .....	Survey .....	New.
TE-821967 .....	Paul Galvin, Irvine, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>),</li> <li>• Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>),</li> <li>• San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>),</li> </ul>	CA, NV	Survey and nest monitor.	Survey, nest monitor, Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	Renew.

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TE-05665B .....	Lisa Achter, Grass Valley, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>),</li> <li>Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>),</li> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>),</li> <li>Least Bell's vireo (<i>Vireo belli pusillus</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Survey .....	Capture, handle, and release.	Amend.
TE-12771D .....	Lynn Sweet .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>California tiger salamander (Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>).</li> <li>Triple-ribbed milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus tricarinatus</i>).</li> </ul>	CA	Remove/reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction.	Collect tissue and whole plants.	New.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Angela Picco,**

*Acting Chief of Ecological Services, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R4-ES-2018-N134; FXES11140400000-178-FF04EF2000]

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Availability of Two Habitat Conservation Plans for Sand Skink and Blue-Tailed Mole Skink, Osceola and Polk Counties, FL**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments and information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received two applications for incidental take permits (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. Florida Bramingham, Inc. (Permit TE94080C-0) and Palmetto Lake Wales-Hwy 60, LLC (Permit 94085C-0) (applicants) are requesting individual ITPs for take of sand skink and blue-tailed mole skink. We request public comments on these permit applications, each of which includes a habitat conservation plan (HCP), and our preliminary determinations that these HCPs qualify as low effect under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To make these determinations, we used our environmental action statements and low-effect screening forms, which are also available for review.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before March 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* You may obtain copies of the documents by any of the following methods. Be sure to specify clearly the ITP applications for which you want documents.

- *Telephone:* Alfredo Begazo, at 772-469-4234.

- *Email:* [alfredo\\_begazo@fws.gov](mailto:alfredo_begazo@fws.gov).

- *U.S. mail:* Alfredo Begazo, South Florida Ecological Services Office; Attn: “Florida Bramingham, Inc. Permit-TE 94080C-0” and/or “Palmetto Lake Wales-Hwy 60, LLC Permit-TE 94085C-0,” U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 1339 20th Street; Vero Beach, FL 32960-3559.

- *In-person review:* The documents are available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the above address. Please call to make an appointment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Alfredo Begazo, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, South Florida Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received two applications for incidental take permits (ITPs) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Florida Bramingham, Inc. is requesting a 30-year ITP, and Palmetto Lake Wales-Hwy 60, LLC is requesting a 5-year ITP for the take of the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) and threatened blue-tailed mole skink (*Eumeces egregiosus*) (skinks). We request public comment on these permit applications, habitat conservation plans (HCPs), and on our preliminary determinations that these HCPs qualify as categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). To make these determinations, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening forms, which are also available for review.