

Regional Parks Foundation

We are writing to request an extension on our grant from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund of Alameda County. This extension is crucial for the successful completion of our project. We are greatly appreciative of the county's support, but we have encountered a few unexpected obstacles. Our negotiations with US Davis went longer than expected, forcing us to delay our field season until mid-September 2024. This was further complicated by numerous Red Flag-Extreme Fire Weather Restrictions, which limited our ability to collect the needed samples for analysis.

Currently, we have 42 samples (we need a minimum of 96 to run the Genetic/DNA metacoding). Approximately 98% of our samples have come from Western Fence Lizards. We want to highlight the invaluable contributions of our 35 volunteers who have dedicated over 250 hours of service to this project.