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Public Comment		Other	Erling Hedkvist	<p>To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am submitting this public comment to express serious concern regarding the recent euthanization of a mother bear in Monrovia, which has left two dependent cubs orphaned and has generated significant public outrage.</p> <p>Based on available reporting, the bear appears to have been exhibiting normal maternal protective behavior. The decision to proceed with lethal action under these circumstances raises important questions about whether appropriate non lethal interventions were fully considered or exhausted, and whether existing wildlife management protocols were properly followed.</p> <p>Given the gravity of this outcome, I respectfully urge the Board to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Request a full and transparent accounting from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding this incident * Seek clarification on the decision making process and criteria used to authorize lethal action * Ensure that all non lethal alternatives were appropriately evaluated prior to this outcome * Advocate for a clear plan to support the survival and welfare of the orphaned cubs <p>This incident highlights the growing challenges of human and wildlife coexistence in Los Angeles County. As development continues to expand into natural habitats, it is critical that our response policies prioritize humane, science based, and non lethal approaches wherever possible, particularly in cases involving dependent young.</p> <p>I also urge the Board to support greater transparency and oversight in future wildlife response decisions, and to advocate for strengthened policies that ensure lethal force is used only as a true last resort.</p> <p>This matter is of significant public interest, and I encourage the Board to take an active role in ensuring accountability and improved outcomes moving forward.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Erling Hedkvist</p>

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Public Comment		Other	Michelle McDonald	I'm a Los Angeles County resident, and I'm appalled and disgusted to learn about Cesar Chavez' history of raping and sexually abusing multiple women. I urge you to cancel any planned activities to honor him, certainly any events surrounding his 3/31 birthday, and to re-direct any celebration and acknowledgement to honor the achievements of Dolores Huerta and the UFW. Thank you.
			Talen Aston	See the website: LaTaxWaste.blogspot.com -- It's been brought up before, but it looks like nobody is addressing the issues. It involves poor allocation of labor (wrong people doing the wrong jobs); lack of coordination so groups with surpluses can't help groups with shortages; lack of logging, tracking, and disclosure of resource waste complaints; and others. This kind of waste gives gov't a bad reputation.
		Item Total	3	
Grand Total			3	

From: [Nadia J](#)
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Cc: [PublicComments](#); newsdesk@foxla.com; abc7eyewitness@abc.com; kcbstvweb@cbs.com; tips@nbcla.com; info@humanesociety.org; info@cawildlife.org; resources@resources.ca.gov
Subject: Urgent: Public Concern Over Euthanization of Mother Bear in Monrovia Leaving Cubs Orphaned
Date: Friday, March 20, 2026 8:50:50 AM

To Governor Newsom, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and relevant oversight authorities,

I am writing to formally demand an immediate investigation into the decision to euthanize a mother bear in Monrovia, an action that has now left two dependent cubs without their mother and has caused widespread public outrage.

This was not a rogue or predatory animal acting outside normal behavior. By all accounts, this bear was exhibiting instinctive maternal protection of her cubs. Killing her under these circumstances raises serious questions about judgment, proportionality, and adherence to non-lethal wildlife management protocols.

I am asking for clear and immediate answers:

- Who specifically authorized the euthanization, and under what written criteria?
- What non-lethal alternatives were attempted or considered prior to this decision?
- Why was relocation, hazing, or temporary containment not pursued?
- What is the current plan for the survival and care of the orphaned cubs?
- Will there be an internal or independent review of this decision, and will those findings be made public?

This incident reflects a broader and deeply concerning pattern: wildlife is being forced into closer proximity with humans due to habitat encroachment, yet the consequences are borne almost entirely by the animals. That is not responsible stewardship; it is reactive and avoidable.

There must be accountability where decisions fall short of ethical and professional standards. If protocols were not followed, or if better options were available and not used, then those responsible must be held accountable.

I am also calling for:

- A formal review and strengthening of CDFW's non-lethal response policies, particularly in cases involving mothers with dependent young
- Mandatory transparency in future lethal action decisions
- Greater investment in coexistence strategies and public education to prevent these outcomes

Californians expect humane, science-based wildlife management, not irreversible decisions

that orphan young animals and erode public trust.

I request a formal response outlining both the justification for this action and the steps that will be taken to ensure this does not happen again.

Sincerely,
Nadia Jordan Hedkvist - Los Angeles resident

From: [Erling Hedkvist](#)
To: [PublicComments](#)
Subject: Euthanization of bear in Monrovia
Date: Friday, March 20, 2026 9:47:04 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to formally demand an immediate investigation, full transparency, and accountability regarding the euthanization of a mother bear in Monrovia, an action that has left two dependent cubs orphaned and has caused significant public concern. Based on available reporting, the bear's behavior appears consistent with normal maternal defense. The decision to proceed with lethal action under these circumstances raises serious questions about compliance with established wildlife management protocols, the adequacy of non lethal intervention efforts, and the internal authorization process that led to this outcome.

Given the gravity and irreversible nature of this decision, I am requesting:

- Identification of all personnel involved in the decision making and authorization process
- The specific policies, criteria, and incident reports relied upon to justify lethal action
- Documentation of all non-lethal measures considered or attempted prior to euthanasia.
- The current status and care plan for the orphaned cubs

In addition, please consider this correspondence a request for the preservation of all records related to this incident, including internal communications, field reports, body camera footage if applicable, and dispatch logs.

If a full accounting is not promptly provided, I intend to pursue a formal request under the California Public Records Act to obtain all relevant documentation.

This incident also warrants independent oversight review. If it is determined that established procedures were not followed, or that reasonable non-lethal alternatives were available but not utilized, this raises serious concerns regarding decision-making standards and accountability within the department.

The public expects that lethal force against wildlife, particularly a mother with dependent young, is used strictly as a last resort following clear, documented, and defensible processes. If that standard was not met, then corrective action and accountability are necessary.

I request a written response addressing these points, along with confirmation of whether a formal internal or external review has been initiated.

This matter is of significant public interest, and I will be sharing any response, or lack of response, with media and relevant oversight entities.

Sincerely,

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