

Burrowing Owl Preservation Society

**A non profit organization dedicated to increasing the burrowing owl population
through education and enhancement of grassland habitat**

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Annual Report 2015

Submit written and public comment on development projects:

Winters Highlands residential development

PG&E training facility in Winters

Mace Ranch Innovation Center in Davis

Collaboration meetings w Santa Clara Valley Audubon; Hungry Owl Project; Golden Gate Audubon; San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory

Participated in Santa Clara Valley Audubon's burrowing owl habitat survey

Monitoring owl sites in Yolo and Solano Counties

Participating in Yolo Natural Heritage Plan (HCP/NCCP) submitted written comments

Planned, Organized and sponsored California Burrowing Owl Consortium Conference at San Jose State University

Assessed private farms in Davis for burrowing owl compatibility and artificial burrow installation

Assist citizens advocating for burrowing owl nests at:

Rialto Airport—investigate

Natomas (Sacramento)

Antioch

Fund raising

Big Day of Giving

AmazonSmile account

Update Giving Edge profile

Grant application: Rose Foundation Northern California Grassroots Environmental Fund

Met with Assembly member Bill Dodd's office to educate on collapse of burrowing owl population in Yolo County and request that the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee conduct oversight hearing on CDFW's allowing owls to be evicted from their burrows

Develop partnership with Friends of the Burrowing Owl (FOBO) UC Davis students

Participate in FOBO's Burrowing Owl Reserve vegetation height monitoring at Yolo County Grasslands Park.

Organized and led burrowing owl habitat field outing for FOBO students

Educational Outreach at Yolo Basin Foundation's Duck Days

Advocate with City of Davis to comply with Burrowing Owl Reserve habitat management plan to keep vegetation short

Gave public comment at Davis City Council meeting on collapse of burrowing owl population

Promote relocation (rather than eviction) of owls on development site as City of Davis' preferred mitigation

Burrowing owl habitat management at Wildhorse golf course and surrounding public land.

Draft Yolo County 2014 burrowing owl census report for publication

Added juvenile to educational taxidermy

Initiated investigations of "lost" burrowing owl mitigations: find projects that had burrowing owl habitat mitigation as Condition of Approval for development permit, but the mitigation was not implemented.