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**- PETITION -**

**CALIFORNIA BURROWING OWL COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION STRATEGY**

The **Burrowing Owl Conservation Network** is sponsoring this petition for the immediate development, release for public comment and implementation of a Comprehensive Conservation Strategy for Burrowing Owls that will facilitate the maintenance of viable burrowing owl populations in California, help prevent the further elimination of breeding pairs and population declines across the state, and form a solid foundation by which regional and statewide population recovery and habitat protection can be achieved.

**ABOUT THIS PETITION:**

The Western Burrowing Owl has been witnessing steep declines in California and the need for a range-wide conservation strategy was officially recognized by the State in 1995. However, the State of California and the Department of Fish and Game have failed to take any action since the release of that Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation, which has now surpassed 15 years.



Unfortunately, during these last 15 years the population has continued to plummet across the state. New surveys have shown a 27-percent drop in the number of breeding burrowing owls in California's Imperial Valley, and a 28-percent drop in the San Francisco Bay Area. These declines ride on the heels of a more than 50-percent Burrowing Owl population decline in the San Francisco Bay Area and parts of Central California between 1983 and 1993.

Burrowing owls are a state, federal and internationally protected species, a component of naturally functioning ecosystems, a resource that belongs to the People of California and the United States, and is obliged for protections both legally and morally. It's critical that we get the word out in California and North America to help ensure protections for burrowing owls across historic habitats.

**THE DESIRED OUTCOME OF THIS PETITION:**

We urge the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the State of California to address this burrowing owl issue and develop and implement a Burrowing Owl Comprehensive Conservation Strategy without further delay. CDFG officials have promised a plan over the last 7 years and it's development is recommended by people, scientists, biologists and wildlife conservation organizations across North America as well as CDFG's own biologists and scientists.

**WE NEED YOUR SIGNATURES TO PROTECT BURROWING OWLS!**

Please sign and have your friends, family and colleagues sign the following petition and return promptly to the Burrowing Owl Conservation Network. **A letter along with this petition and all signatures will be hand delivered to state officials in Sacramento, CA**

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To: Governor Jerry Brown, California Secretary for Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Game Director, California Wildlife Conservation Board Executive Director, Chair of the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, and Chair of the Natural Resources and Water Committee

We petition that... **You immediately develop, release for public comment and implement a Comprehensive Conservation Strategy for Burrowing Owls that will facilitate the maintenance of viable burrowing owl populations in California, help prevent the further elimination of breeding pairs and population declines across the state, and form a solid foundation by which regional and statewide population recovery and habitat protection can be achieved.**

**Your immediate action is needed to prevent further declines of this unique and protected species.**

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

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When fully or partially completed, promptly mail the signed petitions to:  
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