



# Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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California Fish and Game Commission  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

## **Re: Support for CESA listing of imperiled burrowing owl populations**

Dear President Murray and Commissioners,

The Yolo Habitat Conservancy supports the petition to list imperiled populations of the western burrowing owl in California under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). As the implementing agency for the Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan (Yolo HCP/NCCP), we are actively working to identify and protect burrowing owl habitat within Yolo County. There has been a rapid decline in the Central Valley burrowing owl population over the past twenty years and many of the areas of Yolo County that were documented as being occupied habitat in the early 2000's were no longer occupied by burrowing owls by the time the Yolo HCP/NCCP was permitted in 2019.

We support protecting the Southwestern California, Central-Western California, and San Francisco Bay Area burrowing owl populations as endangered, and the Central Valley and Southern Desert populations as threatened. Alternatively, we support listing the western burrowing owl in the entirety of California as a threatened species under CESA.

Sincerely,

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