

MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT SPECIES, INCLUDING BURROWING OWL, ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES PESTICIDE SAFETY COURSE

July 28, 2014



Karen Riesz, CDFW Environmental Scientist in Bermuda Dunes, CA gave a very informative presentation on the rules and regulations regarding the Burrowing Owl.

Nicolas Berg with the Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's Office outlined some of the guidelines on pesticide use and Migratory Birds and other wildlife.

Mr. Berg explained the benefits of a fairly new website called PRESCRIBE which is an endangered species bulletin of where certain special status and endangered plants and animals are located.



Marie Barrett, Wildlife Biologist, with Barrett's Biological Surveys described the recognition of Burrowing Owls and other migratory birds in Imperial County and avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures to protect them.

Al Kalin with the Imperial County Farm Bureau explained how artificial burrows for Burrowing Owls were made and installed as well as opportunities for their establishment in the local farming community.

Over thirty people attended this class to educate local farmers and others in the farming community on the Burrowing Owl.

The presentations will be posted at www.barrettbiological.com.



Jessica Loveccio, an Environmental Specialist with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), discussed IID's Burrowing Owl Program.



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**BURROWING OWL ARTIFICIAL BURROW INSTALLATION
MELOLAND EXTENSION CENTER
July 29, 2014**

The second day of this class was held at the Meloland Extension Center in Holtville, CA where the attendees learned first-hand how to make and install an artificial burrow for a Burrowing Owl. The class was also able to watch a Burrowing Owl at his actual burrow along a concrete ditch.



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