



Upland Game Bird Account: P1580063

Final Report

CWA Badger Almond Public Hunt Program

Through the Upland Game Bird Account, California Waterfowl's Hunt Program provided 20 hunt dates reaching 177 upland game bird hunters. The new opportunity occurred at Goose Lake in Kern County. The property consists of 2,200 acres of upland and wetland habitat. These opportunities were offered through California Waterfowl's Hunt Program via an online lottery system. During the grant cycle, California Waterfowl advertised and promoted these new regional hunting opportunities. A total of 20 hunt dates provided 177 upland game hunters the chance to pursue pen raised pheasants from October 22 through January 13. In addition to pheasants, hunters were able to harvest doves when in season.

Task 1) Advertise and promote hunts: two advertisements in Western Outdoor News Southern CA news publication, CWA Magazine, CWA webpage, E News Blast, and Facebook.

Task 2) Design/implement system: Through Active Newtwork. Hunters would apply via a lottery system to hunt specific dates throughout the hunting season. Hunters were drawn at random the month prior to hunt date. The new application system was implemented, designed and running by July 15.

Task 3) Installation Wildlife Guzzlers: Three guzzlers were installed in early October in key locations on the Badger Almond Unit at Goose Lake. These sites were monitored and refilled when needed.

Task 4) Release pheasants and conduct hunts: 560 pen raised pheasants were released from October 22-January 13th. Originally, the grant proposed 14 hunt dates reaching a total of 140 hunters. The hunt season was expanded and reached 20 hunt dates reaching 177 hunters. Pheasants were released daily and housed on site. CWA obtained the appropriate permits, tags, and signage to make the property a Upland Game Bird Club.

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