

# What Can We Do? | San Joaquin Kit Fox

Saving Species Together ~ *Everyone can help protect species!*



## If You are a Private Land Manager with Operations in Kit Fox Habitat

It is the responsibility of private landowners to know and abide by the laws that protect threatened and endangered species, including San Joaquin Kit Foxes. Please check with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to determine if your project will affect kit fox habitat or active dens. Consultation with resource agencies is required and must happen early in the planning phase of any major project (before breaking ground), to avoid unlawfully harming species and facing the potential consequences. (These could include fines, injunctions, permit revocation, and criminal investigation).

### On a Construction Site

- Never fill or destroy a burrow that may be used by kit foxes they are under state and federal protection. Consult a professional or CDFW for assistance.
- Place CDFW/USFWS-approved exclusion fencing around areas of excavation and/or place escape ramps at ponds or pits that could trap kit foxes if they fill with rainwater.
- Block the ends of open pipes or other hollow construction materials to prevent kit foxes from using them as dens.
- Pick up your trash at construction sites as they can attract kit foxes, making them less afraid of humans and more likely to come into conflict with people.
- If you see kit foxes leave them alone. Report their activity to CDFW or USFW. Please don't feed them.
- Avoid use of rodent poisons in kit fox habitat

### If You Live in Kit Fox Habitat

- Never feed a kit fox or other wildlife; keep pet food indoors.
- Remove sources of water.
- Seal trash containers to prevent access.
- Put bird feeders away at night to avoid attracting rodents and other kit fox prey.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
- Don't trap stray cats in areas used by kit foxes. Trapped foxes could get injured and their pups are vulnerable when unattended.
- Take down sports nets at schools, parks and other recreational facilities when not in use. Store nets furled and out of reach, especially at night.
- Avoid use of rodent poisons in kit fox habitat.
- Don't ever attempt to touch or handle a kit fox, as they will likely bite in self-defense.