

Sulphur Creek Nature Center

Alameda Fish and Game Commission Grant 2020



In the spring of 2020, Alameda County Fish and Game Commission awarded Sulphur Creek Nature Center with a \$5,000 grant to help with wildlife resources. The grant is essential in helping our nature center feed and care for our resident animals. This grant was especially needed this year as our revenue was impacted due to the pandemic. All of the money received from the Alameda Fish and Game Commission Grant went toward food for the Federal & State wildlife that have been permitted to remain under the care of Sulphur Creek staff. These resident animals reside at Sulphur Creek Nature Center as they have injuries that make them non-releasable to



the wild. Even though they cannot return to their natural habitats they serve the community by being wildlife ambassadors for their species through our educational programs.

The grant went into purchasing mice, chicks, and quail for these animals. Our educational raptors are dependent on this source of food, and it is crucial for these birds to have a variety of

protein sources. The variety allows the birds to maintain their beaks and provides different nutritional needs. The resident coyotes, foxes, skunks, and opossums also have this food incorporated into their daily diet and the variety allows for an enriching meal. All of the resident animals at Sulphur creek are ambassadors for our community, as they educate the public about the local wildlife.



As COVID-19 has forced schools to alternate venues for teaching, Sulphur Creek Nature Center has been able to provide over 50 virtual programs to local schools to date. In every virtual program the naturalist incorporates our ambassador animals, and the students are always thrilled for the opportunity to meet a skunk, opossum, owl, or snake (just to name a few).

We would like to thank the Alameda County Fish and Game Commission for such a generous grant to help our facility do its best to support the wildlife in Alameda County. More information about our organization can be obtained at www.haywardrec.org/sulphurcreek

