

Friends of the Swainson's Hawk History

1994

Incorporation

501-c-3 Tax Status Application

1995

Formed coalition to review and comment on Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan draft
Attended Swainson's Hawk Technical Advisory Committee meetings

1996

Organized coalition to sponsor a habitat workshop in South County

Participated in discussions to upgrade County Swainson's Hawk mitigation program

1997

Organized coalition and met with Fish and Game Director to discuss Swainson's Hawk mitigation policies

April 4, 1997 Return of the Swainson's Hawk Celebration

Media

Resolutions

Developed coalition to challenge legal issues in Natomas Basin HCP

Filed legal action on Natomas Basin HCP with partners

1998

Visit to Wintering Grounds in Nayarit Mexico

Formed legal partnership with National Wildlife Federation on Natomas Basin HCP challenge

Monitoring and protests of City Drainage Project impact on Fisherman's Lake

1999

Joined Environmental Council of Sacramento

Monitoring implementation of NBHCP, formation and operations of Natomas Basin Conservancy

2000

Supported the NO on O campaign to protect Deer Creek Hills

Comments on the Galt East Area Plan and Environmental Impact Review,

February 14, 2000

Federal Judgement in support of plaintiffs, NBHCP

2001

Settled litigation

Established web site

Developed wildlife education program for/with Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter

Submitted comments to County re impacts on Cosumnes corridor nesting of Sunrise Douglas water use.

Workshops in Sutter County on Habitat Impacts in Natomas Basin

Comments on the South Sutter Specific Plan

2002

Implemented wildlife education program with Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter

In June 2002 Mother Lode Chapter of Sierra Club and Friends of the Swainson's Hawk launched an outreach on endangered species protection in the region that ultimately reached over 120,000 households. It educated the public about the special places and wildlife of the Sacramento region and ways that everyone can help in the effort to protect wildlife and the habitats they depend upon.

Educational materials being distributed include:

- A seven minute video that has been shown to community groups, and on local access cable. The video shows a variety of species and habitats, with rare footage of the Giant Garter Snake, the Swainson's Hawk and the Sandhill Crane.
- Links to web site information at www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/protect_wildlife and www.swainsonshawk.org. The web sites include endangered species education information and links, including a downloadable brochure and on line video.
- Four-color brochures suitable for posting.
- A black and white activity sheet with five different educational tasks for students.

This educational package has been sent to elementary teachers at over 250 elementary schools. Over 15,000 brochures and 400 videos have been distributed, primarily to elementary school teachers.

Campaign to mitigate Airport Destruction of Nesting Habitat and Wetlands

Litigation to Challenge the South Sutter Specific Plan

Launched Campaign to Enforce and Upgrade SWH Mitigation in Elk Grove; Comments on General Plan

Review and Comment on Revised Natomas Basin HCP

Review and comment Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Sacramento Regional county Sanitation District Lower Northwest Interceptor Project

Led Coalition to Challenge the Metro Air Park HCP and EIR in Natomas

Campaign to Improve Sacramento County Swainson's Hawk mitigation program

2003

Supported the listing of the western burrowing owl under the California Endangered Species Act. Review and Comment on Revised Natomas Basin HCP; Development of Coalition to File Legal Action, including partnership with National Wildlife Federation.

Comment on the Lower Cache Creek Potential Flood Damage Protection Project

Campaign to Fix Elk Grove's Swainson's Hawk Mitigation Program

Participation in LAFCO's Review of Elk Grove's compliance with Incorporation Requirements

Participate in the Upgrading of Sacramento County Swainson's Hawk Ordinance

Rose Foundation Grant of \$3000

2004

Participation in Galt General Plan Update/ Galt Campaign to Protect USB

Campaign against the Arena Land Scam/ Protect the USB in Natomas

Participation in the Elk Grove Swainson's Hawk Mitigation Ordinance

Participation in LAFCO's Review of Elk Grove's compliance with Incorporation Requirements

Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter Award for Environmental Education

2005

Participation in the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission development of Draft Open Space and Prime Agricultural Preservation Policies
Fisherman's Lake Buffer Campaign to ensure Swainson's Hawk nesting habitat at Fisherman's Lake

Participated in Defenders of Wildlife Endangered Species Workshops

Joined Habitat 2020

Participated in Review of Elk Grove's Swainson's Hawk Mitigation Fee Ordinance

Initiated CEQA mitigation enforcement program to Yolo County

Participated in Upgrading Sacramento County's SWH Mitigation Program

Participation in the Upgrading of Rancho Cordova Swainson's Hawk Mitigation Program

Comment, Natomas Unified School District, Site Acquisition

Filed Litigation Against City of Davis, Covell Village

Established Swainson's Hawk Yahoo Group (now with 40 members)

2006

Greenbriar, Campaign to Protect the USB in Natomas, DEIR Comment

Participation in the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission development of Draft

Open Space and Prime Agricultural Preservation Policies

California Wildlands Grant, Tides Foundation for strategic planning

Review and Comment Panhandle Annexation and PUD DEIR

Presentation to the StoneLakes Docents

Agreement with California Foundation for Birds of Prey for Vaccination of Rehabilitated SWH

Review and Comment on Sacramento International Airport Habitat Policies

Survey of Donors on Future of FOSH issues

Support for Habitat 2020

2007

Participation in the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission Development of Open Space and Prime Agricultural Preservation Policies

Participation in So CO HCP

Visit to the Swainson's Hawk Wintering Grounds

Participation in the Yolo County NCCP/HCP Workshop

Reception for Regional Conservation Leaders, February 25, 2007

Participation in the City of Sacramento Joint Vision Open Space Plan

Participation in the Wings of Spring Sacramento Zoo event

Greenbriar, LAFCo and City Planning Commission Hearings

Media coverage of nesting activities and president Jude Lamare

Rose Foundation Grant for Outreach

Coalition Building Activities in Elk Grove

Sheldon Heritage Festival September 16, 2007

Presentation of Elk Grove Educational Event September 24, 2007

Filed lawsuit against LAFCo re Greenbriar EIR, SOI

Participation in SAFCA No. Natomas Levee Improvements review

Media coverage in Elk Grove Citizen

Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival November 3-4

Presentation of program on nest monitoring November 29

Participation in Elk Grove, Galt GP hearings