



SQUIRRELS AND PEOPLE

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California Ground Squirrel



Location found: Woodland, CA
Diagnosis: habituated to humans
Length of care: 4 weeks
Approximate cost of care: \$1220



A family found this squirrel when she was a baby and decided to keep her. They soon realized that wild squirrels make terrible pets and they brought her to our hospital. Unfortunately, the squirrel had become used to humans and could no longer survive in the wild. Luckily, Lindsay Wildlife Museum was able to house the ground squirrel in the exhibit hall where she now acts as an ambassador for her species.

Wild animals do not make good pets. If you find an orphaned baby animal, call the wildlife hospital for advice.

DANGER/PELIGRO

This Property Area Under Fumigation
DO NOT ENTER/NO ENTRE



PHOSPHINE GAS



This Property Area Is Being Fumigated With

EPA#

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-1 FUMIGANT TABLETS | <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-2 5857 FUMIGANT PELLETS | <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-4 CELLS/STRIPS | <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-9 PHOSPHINE TABLET PREFORMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-1-0857 FUMIGANT TABLETS | <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-4 PHOSPHINE TABLETS | <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-4 SPOOF FUMIGANT | <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-10 DETA FUMEX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-2 FUMIGANT PELLETS | <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-4 PHOSPHINE PELLETS | <input type="checkbox"/> 72999-4 PHOSPHINE TABLET ROPE | |

THIS SIGN MAY ONLY BE REMOVED BY A CERTIFIED APPLICATOR OR A PERSON WITH DOCUMENTED TRAINING AFTER THE STRUCTURE AND/OR COMMODITY IS COMPLETELY AERATED (CONTAINS 0.3 PPM OR LESS OF PHOSPHINE GAS) IF INCOMPLETELY AERATED COMMODITY IS TRANSFERRED TO A NEW STRUCTURE, THE NEW STRUCTURE MUST ALSO BE FLAGGED IF IT CONTAINS MORE THAN 0.3 PPM PHOSPHINE. WORKERS' EXPOSURE DURING THIS TRANSFER MUST NOT EXCEED ALLOWABLE LIMITS.

FUMIGATION PERFORMED BY:

Name H. INC. PEST CONTROL
Address 7571 CRESTVIEW LANE
CAMPBELL CA 95008

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE #

Day 416-557-1433
Night

FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL
EMERGENCIES CALL 1-800-800-4856

DATE OF FUMIGATION:

START 2-18-12 FRESH 2-14-12

ALL OTHER CHEMICAL EMERGENCIES
CALL CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300

Care or Kill?



AN EFFECTIVE CONTROL PROGRAM SHOULD CONSIDER.....

TOLERANCE

THE MESSAGE

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The slide features a dark grey background with a subtle, wavy pattern. In the four corners, there are decorative elements resembling circuit board traces, consisting of thin yellow and white lines that connect to small circular nodes.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE CONTROLLING SQUIRRELS FOR OVER 200 YEARS

- Superabundant population of squirrels
- Benefit from “human invasion”

HISTORY OF SQUIRREL CONTROL

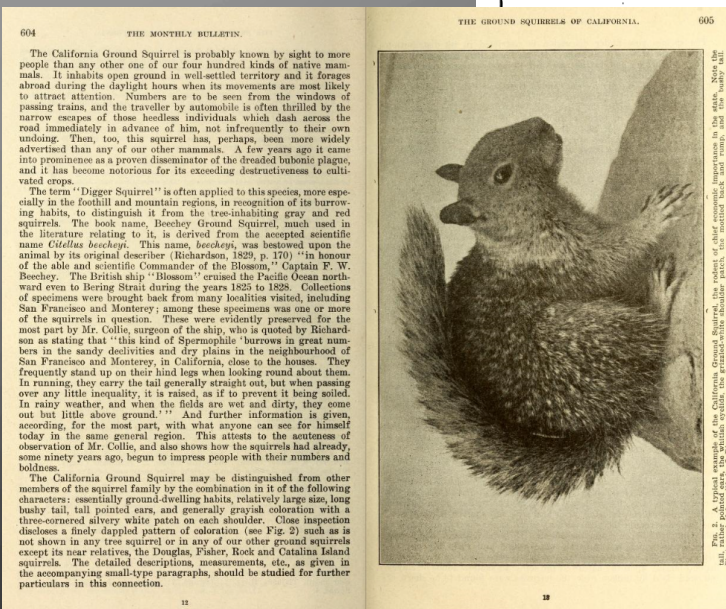
WRITTEN IN 1918 BY CA STATE COMMISSION OF HORTICULTURE

- California has had enough!
- A 236 page pamphlet detailing squirrel habitats, behaviors, and control methods
- Details on Squirrel Week

THE MONTHLY BULLETIN
CALIFORNIA STATE COMMISSION OF HORTICULTURE
Volume VII NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1918 Nos. 11 and 12

California Ground Squirrels

A Bulletin Dealing With Life Histories
Habits and Control of the Ground
Squirrels in California



SQUIRRELS MENACE YOUR CROPS



Dead
Squirrels
Destroy
None

KILL THEM

Ask your County
Horticultural Commissioner
for control methods.

issued by
Rodent Control Division
State Commission of
Horticulture,
G.H. Heeke,
Commissioner

Sacramento

california

FIG. 61. Poster used in shop and store windows throughout the state.

DEATH



TO THE

SQUIRREL

THE

SPRING DRIVE

IS ON

Millions In Food Must Be Saved

Slay the Mother Squirrel During Breeding Season—March to May

A Squirrel In Time Saves Killing Nine

ASK Your County Horticultural Commissioner HOW
Or Write Rodent Department, State Commission of Horticulture
Sacramento, California

FIG. 56. First of the series of posters issued by the Rodent Control Division during the Spring

PROCLAMATION SQUIRREL WEEK

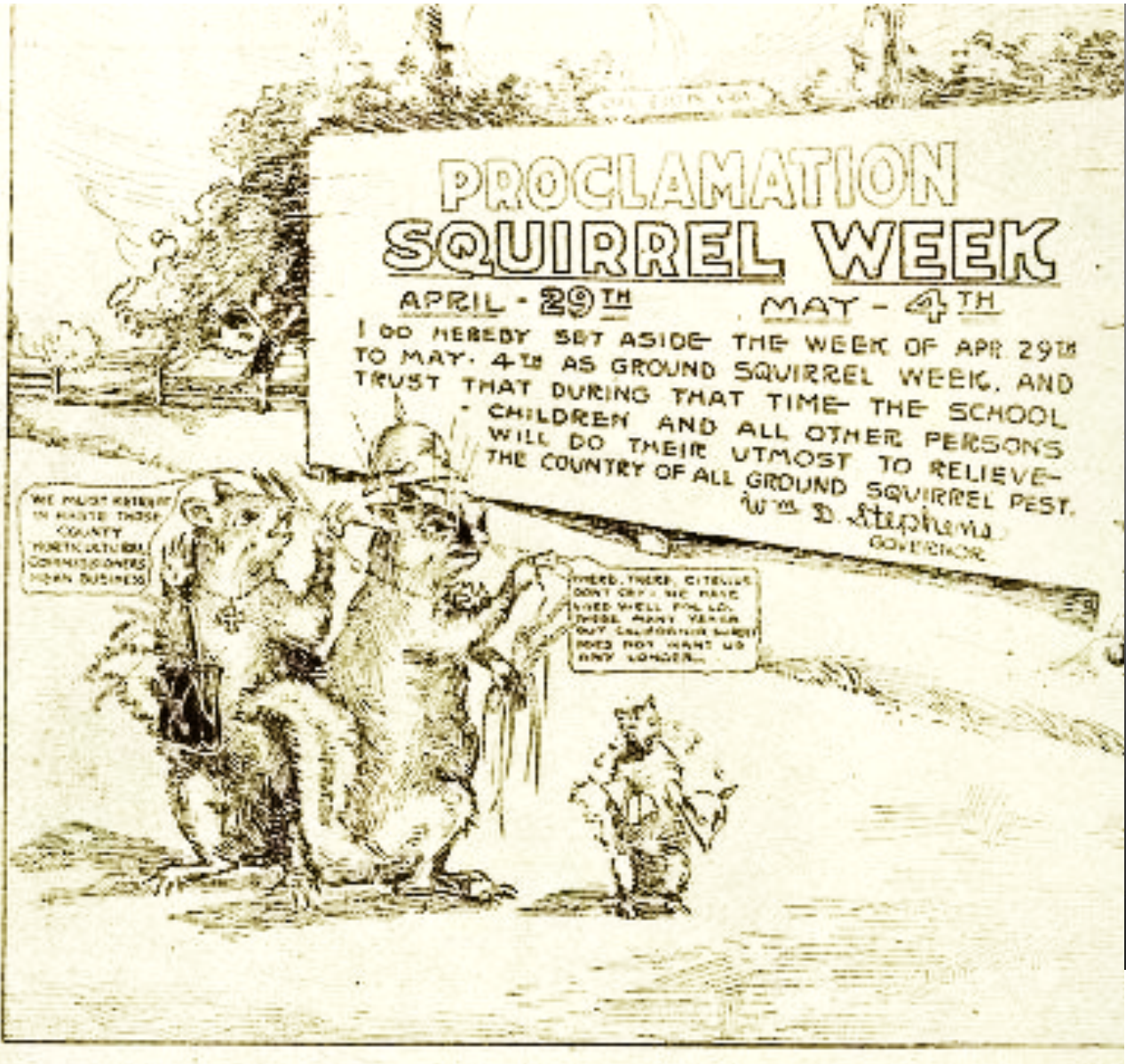
APRIL - 29TH MAY - 4TH

I DO HEREBY SET ASIDE THE WEEK OF APR 29TH
TO MAY 4TH AS GROUND SQUIRREL WEEK, AND
TRUST THAT DURING THAT TIME THE SCHOOL
CHILDREN AND ALL OTHER PERSONS
WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO RELIEVE
THE COUNTRY OF ALL GROUND SQUIRREL PEST.

Wm D. Stephens
GOVERNOR

WE MUST RESIST
IN WASTE THOSE
COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSIONERS
HORN BUSINESS

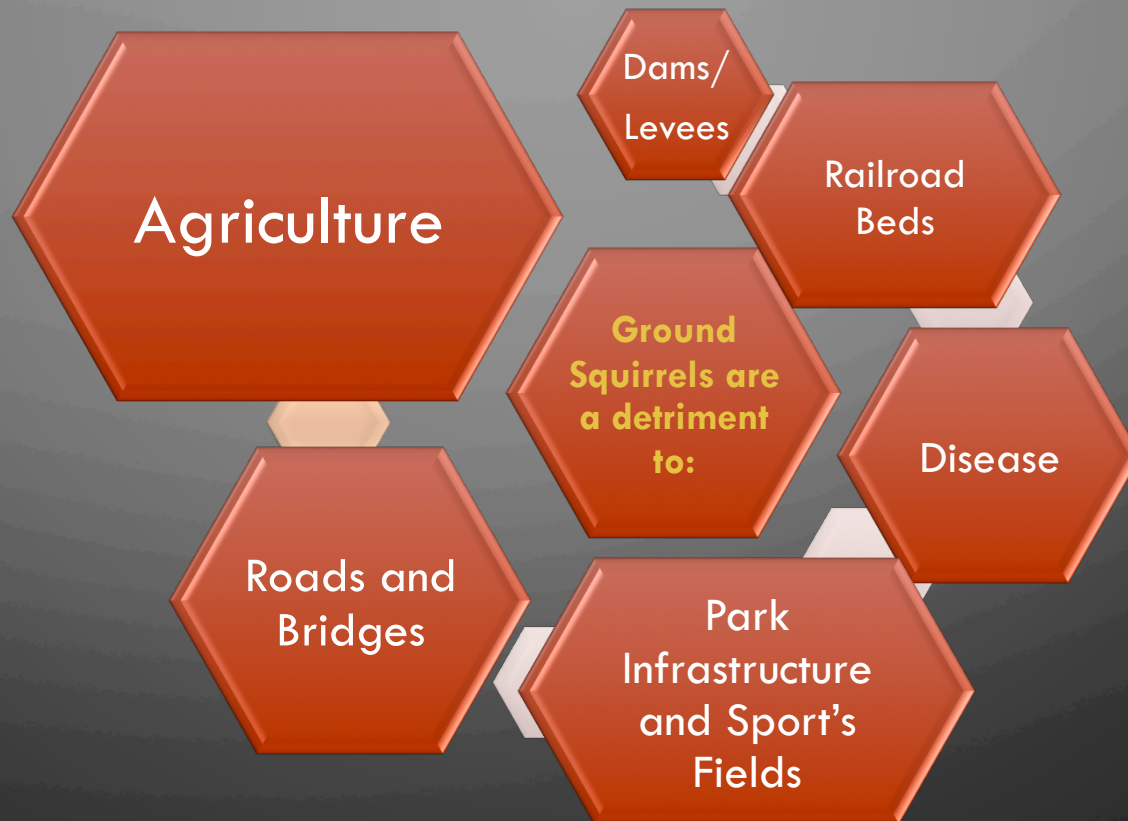
THERE, THERE, CITIZENS
DON'T CRY - WE HAVE
LIVED WELL FOR US.
THESE MANY YEARS
OUR CALIFORNIA SQUIRRELS
DOES NOT WANT US
ANY LONGER.



SQUIRREL WEEK CAMPAIGN

- What was the tolerance?
- What was the message?
- How was the public engaged?

WHY DO WE CONTROL SQUIRRELS? THEY ARE A PEST AND CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE



SQUIRREL – DAMAGE WHAT'S OUR TOLERANCE?

- Consume plants
- Destroy cables and pipe
- Disturb ground for invasive plants & mowing
- Damage trees, girdle roots
- Cause Erosion
- Weaken infrastructure



BUT THEY ARE ALSO A KEYSTONE SPECIES

- COMMON, NATIVE

Photo Credit: Paul Sullivan



WESTERN BURROWING OWL SPECIES OF SPECIAL
CONCERN



CA TIGER SALAMANDER---ENDANGERED



© Melissa Newman




TOLERANCE

- Eradication- Where is this necessary and feasible?
- No Control Needed – Where is this desired and feasible?
- Minimize Numbers and Damage
 - Monitor impacts
 - Monitor control





MESSAGE

- Why are they being “controlled”?
 - How are we controlling them?
 - What can YOU do to help the situation?
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WHY?
PUBLIC SAFETY
FOOD PRODUCTION
DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE

DEVELOP A CONSISTENT MESSAGE

- Closed Landfill: Rodent Population Control at CC Park
- Squirrels, Gophers Unleash Toxins at Former Berkeley Landfill into Bay...
- City of Berkeley Plans to Kill Squirrels Accused of Spreading Toxins....
- City of Berkeley Delays Pilot Plan to Exterminate Squirrels at CC Park
- Berkeley Squirrels Saved from Execution
- Berkeley Squirrels and the *Mystery of the Vanishing E-mails*

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HOW?

THEY ARE BOTH PEST AND PROTECTED SPECIES. WE
CONTROL THEM WHEN THEY ARE PEST...

WE DO IT WITH CARE

WE FOLLOW REGULATIONS

IT'S ILLEGAL TO RELOCATE THEM

IT'S ILLEGAL TO DROWN THEM

WHAT CAN YOU
DO?



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



**PLEASE
DO
NOT
FEED
THE SQUIRRELS!**



Feeding the squirrels at the Marina is causing overpopulation.

When this happens, the squirrels become sick and die.

You will be helping the squirrels by NOT feeding them.

Thank you!



City of Berkeley Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Dept.

For more information call (510) 981-6720.

DANGER



**DO NOT FEED
SQUIRRELS**
Even if they look furry
and cute



STUYTOWN
GOOD NEIGHBORS



**Please do not
feed squirrels**
within 50
feet of this
playground.



Please don't feed the animals

Bread and snacks are unhealthy for squirrels, deer and birds.

Handouts can lead to malnutrition and starvation. These animals need their natural diets.

Let them find their own food.

Feeding wildlife prohibited by County Ordinance #8.42.012

**DO NOT FEED
THE SQUIRRELS**



THEY MAY BITE

**IF YOU ENJOY
SEEING SQUIRRELS,
DON'T FEED THEM!**

An unnaturally large food supply causes Squirrel populations to grow beyond natural limits. Overpopulation may be controlled by other methods, including poison. Please keep food away from squirrels and dispose of trash safely. Don't cause the painful death of these squirrels by feeding them.

Don't feed squirrels in the park.
Instead, give them the cash they
can use to buy their own food.





QUESTIONS

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