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The California ground squirrel has been known to be present in the Seeley area of the county since 2012. They are very destructive squirrels that can damage crops, agricultural products, and irrigation systems. Their large burrows accelerate erosion, cause wash-outs, and increase silt and sediment in irrigation water.

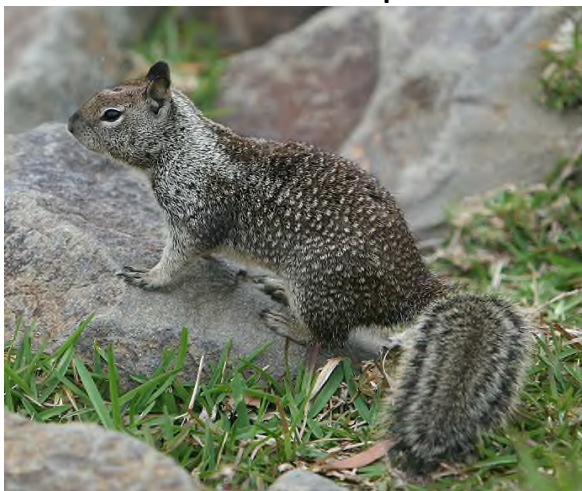
The California ground squirrel is speckled and is much larger than the native round-tailed ground squirrel already found throughout Imperial County. Below you will find images of both squirrels.

The California Ground Squirrel is not a protected species in California; therefore, they may be controlled in a variety of ways. If desired, low priced baits may be purchased from Fresno, Kings, or Alameda Counties. They will sell these baits to out of county customers with the proper documentation (Restricted Materials Permit or Operator ID and QAL or PAC; if purchasing a restricted material it must be listed on your permit.). Kings County will ship baits, where Alameda and Fresno would need to be picked up. Regardless of the location from which bait might be purchased, one should call the county in advance to discuss.

Kings County - Vertebrate Control Page: <http://www.countyofkings.com/departments/agricultural-commissioner/crop-reports-1941-2011/about-us/vertebrae-bait-labels>

Fresno County - Pest Management Page: <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/DepartmentPage.aspx?id=50649>

California Ground Squirrel



Round-Tailed Ground Squirrel



If you have questions or if you would like identification confirmation of a squirrel infestation, please call Reyes Triviso or Rachel Garewal at (442) 265-1500.