

**Table 5**  
**Potential for Habitat at the Hanford ILA Site to Support Sensitive Species Occurring in the Vicinity**

The San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), a federal endangered and California threatened species, is associated with the annual grassland communities of the San Joaquin Valley. The species requires soft, sandy earth to dig burrows in.

*The site is heavily disturbed and provides marginal habitat for the San Joaquin kit fox.*

The burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*) is a federal and California species of concern. This species utilizes the abandoned burrows of ground squirrels, foxes, and other small animals. Burrowing owls are often found in open, dry grasslands, deserts, and scrublands with low-growing vegetation.

*The site is heavily disturbed and provides marginal burrowing owl habitat.*

Source: California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). *Hanford Quadrangle, California Natural Diversity Database*, September 1999.