

Announcing the

California/Nevada Amphibian Populations Task Force 2023 Meeting

-To be held at-

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center
390 Morris St.
Sebastopol, CA 95472



Woodhouse's Toad (*Bufo woodhousii*) from Corn Creek, Clark Co., Nevada.
Photographed by Jef Jaeger.

January 12–13, 2023
Field Trip on Saturday, January 14

Meeting Sponsor

Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy

Please register right away! Early registration is extremely helpful because an accurate count of meeting attendees is needed for organizing. Meeting costs must often be paid in advance, and we are a volunteer organization that depends on *your* participation and support!

Book your hotel room early to get the discounted rates! Details are provided below.

New This Year and REQUIRED! Participant Agreement

This year all participants are required to complete a Participant Agreement form (= last two pages below) as a condition of attending the meeting. We have no choice in instituting this requirement.

You will not be allowed to attend the meeting without the Agreement even if you have paid the registration fee. In such a case, we will issue a partial refund.

Completing the Agreement is a separate process from registering for the meeting. You would greatly facilitate our process if you would complete the form prior to arrival at the meeting, preferably online. Below are the options for completing the form, in order of our preference:

1. Use the link below to complete online. This is a Google Docs form, meaning you will need to be signed into a Google account (e.g., gmail) to complete it. The form can be completed anytime, regardless of when you register, so the sooner the better.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfW_lCaFVM2dfBiuYK6TRslMfvqDZ5wx2e1sW0nE_0HYJyH9w/viewform?usp=sf_link

2. Go to the form on the last two pages of this Announcement, fill in the blanks, print the two pages, and sign the second page. Then do one of following:

- a. Scan and email the completed form to Dave Bradford, dbradfo@herpconbio.org, or
- b. Bring the completed form with you to the meeting.

3. Complete the form when you arrive. We will have blank forms available.

Meeting Registration

Register online at: <https://event.me/v8o25R>

Early registration fee **\$135.00**, closes December 15th, 2022 (**register earlier, please!**)

Late registration fee **\$155.00**, available after December 15th, 2022 through online registration or at the meeting. Late registration at the door may be paid by credit card, cash, or check (payable to *Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy*).

Registration includes refreshments at the beginning of the meeting, and during mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks on Thursday and Friday. There is no banquet this year.

Cancellation Policy: Contact Dave Bradford (dbradfo@herpconbio.org) if you need to cancel. We can usually give a full refund if requested by December 15. Thereafter, refund depends on when we have to commit funds for meeting expenses; we cannot refund after expenses have been invoiced.

COVID-19 Matters

The meeting will be indoors, and seating will be theater style, i.e., seats adjacent to one another. The following requirements and suggestions are derived from CDC or our parent organization (Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy; ARC), as established for the COVID-19 Community Level for Sonoma County as of October 31, 2022. The state of California and Sonoma County defer to the CDC guidelines.

1. Participants are encouraged to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations (CDC & ARC).
2. For participants who are not fully vaccinated, ARC suggests that you observe social distance protocols and wear a mask when in confined spaces.
3. Regardless of vaccination status, individuals are barred from participating for 5 days following their most recent COVID-19 exposure or positive test, and are required to maintain social distancing and masking protocols for at least 10 days after their most recent exposure or positive test (CDC & ARC).
4. Do not share food, plates, cups, or utensils (ARC).
5. For additional information, please consult CDC guidelines (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fscience%2Fcommunity-levels.html).

Meeting Contacts

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| CA/NV APTF Chair: | David Bradford | 702-569-2381 | dbradfo@herpconbio.org |
| Vice Chair: | Jef Jaeger | 415-328-0266 | jef.jaeger@unlv.edu |
| Local Organizers: | Karla Marlow | 707-799-3646 | kmarlow@kleinfelder.com |
| | Dave Cook | 707-393-9543 | salamanderdave@sbcglobal.net |

Call for Papers

Please consider presenting an update of conservation issues or your research focused on amphibian biology and conservation in California, Nevada, or more broadly. Presentations are allotted 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentations and 5 minutes for Q&A). If a shorter time slot is desired, please request it in advance for scheduling purposes. Poster presentations are also encouraged and will be displayed throughout the meeting.

Topic areas for presentations include: active management of populations or habitat, agency programs and perspectives, chemical contamination effects, disease, ecology, invasive species effects and management, land management effects, legal actions, new methods and tools, population genetics and phylogeography, and population studies and distributions.

Be advised that the screen size at the venue is not large for the room. Thus, your presentation will be better received if your slides do not have multiple panels or small print on them.

Presenters: Please send your *NAME, ADDRESS, and TENTATIVE TITLE* of your presentation as soon as possible to Dave Bradford (dbradfo@herpconbio.org) to reserve your slot. If we run out of time slots, priority will be given to talks in the order in which they are received.

Presentation abstracts are due by December 15, 2022.

Abstract Submission – Please follow the example abstract format below:

Authors: DOE, JANE Q.^{1*}, and JOHN M. DOE²

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Title: Evaluation Designs for Monitoring Subsurface Activity during Winter of the Mount Lyell Salamander, *Hydromantes platycephalus*

Text of Abstract: Approximately 200 words

Presentation type: Indicate oral or poster presentation.

**Indicates which author will be presenting*

Schedule (Pacific Time Zone)

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 Informal, non-hosted meet and greet
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Location to be determined

Thursday, January 12, 2023 Meeting, Sebastopol Community Cultural Center
7:45 am – 8:30 am Registration and Refreshments
8:30 am ~ 5:00 pm Presentation Sessions

Friday, January 13, 2023 Meeting, Sebastopol Community Cultural Center
7:45 am – 8:30 am Registration and Refreshments
8:30 am ~ 5:00 pm Presentation Sessions

Saturday, January 14, 2023 Field Trip – Meet-up location and details to be determined.
8:30 am ~ 1:30 pm

Accommodations

We recommend the Fairfield Inn and Suite Sebastopol Santa Rosa (1101 Gravenstein Hwy, Sebastopol CA, 95472). The hotel is less than 2 miles from the meeting site. Their direct number is 1-707-829-6677, ask for the Amphibian Population Task Force rates (APTF). The discounted rates are listed below, but will only be honored up to 30 days before the meeting:

Sunday January 7 - Thursday January 12, 2023

King Beds: \$135.00

Queen/Queen: \$144.00

King Executive with Pull out Sofa: \$153.00

Friday January 13, 2023

King Beds: \$152.00

Queen/Queen: \$165.00

King Executive with Pull out Sofa: \$178.00

Saturday January 14, 2023

King Beds: \$161.00

Queen/Queen: \$173.00

King Executive with Pull out Sofa: \$186.00

Sales and other taxes will be applied (total 14.95%).

There are numerous other hotels located nearby in Santa Rosa within short driving distances of the meeting site.

Food and Dining

Coffee, beverages, and snacks are included with registration and will be available both Thursday and Friday mornings and during mid-morning and mid-afternoon session breaks. Two-hour lunch breaks will be scheduled both Thursday and Friday afternoons to allow time to go to town.

There is no banquet this year and no formal dinner arrangements. We are working on suggestions for potential places to gather in the evenings.

Location

Meeting Location: Sebastopol Community Cultural Center, 390 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA 95472. Park in the Center's parking lot, or on the adjacent street.

APTF PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Assumption of Risk, Release/Waiver of Claims, & Medical Consent

Activity Description _____ Location _____ Date _____

The California/Nevada Amphibian Populations Task Force ("APTF") welcomes your participation in the above activity ("Activity").

In order to participate in the Activity, you must complete, review and sign this form. *Please read this document carefully! This is a legal document that affects your legal rights.*

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

By signing below, and in consideration of being able to participate in the Activity, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. Required Preventative Measures for COVID-19.

All attendees, regardless of vaccination status, are barred from any in-person events for at least 5 days after their most recent COVID-19 exposure or a positive test and are required to maintain social distancing and masking protocols for at least 10 days after their most recent exposure or positive test.

2. Assumption of Risk of Injury and Illness.

I understand that participation the Activity involves risks that may arise from a variety of sources, including but not limited to my own actions, others' actions, conditions at the Activity site, environmental hazards, wildlife encounters, and exposures to illness, including COVID-19, that may result in my own illness, bodily injury and even death, or damage or loss to my property.

I knowingly and freely assume and accept all risks associated with my participation in the Activity or my presence at or travel to the activity site, regardless of the cause.

3. Medical Care Consent.

I authorize APTF to provide me first aid and to arrange medical assistance, transportation, and emergency medical services for me if I get hurt or fall ill during my participation in the Activity.

4. Release and Waiver of Claims; Agreement Not to Sue.

I hereby waive and release APTF and its affiliated chapters, regions, entities, partners, and sponsors, including the Amphibian Reptile Conservancy, Inc. (ARC), and in each case, without limitation, their directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents, (the "Released Parties"), from any and all liability, claims, costs and damages of any kind which I or my heirs, next of kin or legal

representatives may have or which may later accrue, resulting or arising directly or indirectly from (a) my participation or presence at the Activity site or travel to the site, or (b) any first aid, transportation or medical care provided to me in connection with my participation. **This waiver and release includes all claims regardless of the cause, even those caused by the negligence of the Released Parties.** I agree not to sue any of the Released Parties on the basis of these waived and released claims.

This authorization shall continue indefinitely unless I revoke this authorization in writing.

CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT TO TERMS

I am at least 18 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name. **I have read this document before signing below and I fully understand its contents, meaning and impact.**

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

If Participant is a minor (under 18 years of age), a Parent or Legal Guardian accepts responsibility and must sign below:

In consideration of my child's participation in the Activity, I expressly acknowledge and agree to, on behalf of myself (and my child), my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, the terms of this Participant Agreement set forth above. I am at least 18 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name and on behalf of my child. **I have read this document before signing below and I fully understand its contents, meaning and impact.** I also understand that my consent on behalf of my child will be effective even after she/he reaches the age of majority.

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____