

Announcing the

California/Nevada Amphibian Populations Task Force 2024 Meeting

-To be held at-

UC Merced
Conference Center - Grand Ballroom
(Bellevue Parking Lot)
Merced, CA



Canyon Tree Frog (*Hyla arenicolor*) from the Western Grand Canyon, Mohave County, Arizona (it does occur in Nevada). Photographed by Jef Jaeger.

January 11–12, 2024
Field Trip on Saturday, January 13

Meeting Sponsors

Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy

School of Natural Resources, University of California, Merced

Please register right away! Early registration is extremely helpful for organizing, and meeting costs must often be paid in advance. We are a volunteer organization that depends on *your* participation and support!

Book your hotel room early to get our discounted rates! See below.

Required Participant Agreement

All participants are required to complete a Participant Agreement form as a condition of attending the meeting. 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:

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

<https://forms.gle/h5zWQZnoirE5ntg6>

Second option: Fill out the PDF attached to this email, then print, sign, scan and email to Dave Bradford (dbradfo@herpconbio.org) or bring the completed form with you to the meeting.

Least preferred: Complete the form when you arrive. We will have forms available.

Meeting Registration

Register online at: <https://cvent.me/51Bm5D>

Early registration fee **\$95.00**, closes December 15th, 2023 (**register earlier, please!**)

Late registration fee **\$120.00**, available after December 15th, 2023 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.

We will have a no-host “Congregation” (mixer) at the Tioga-Sequoia Brewery Co. on Thursday night.

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.

Meeting Contacts

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| CA/NV APTF Chair: | David Bradford | 702-569-2381 | dbradfo@herpconbio.org |
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Call for Presentations

Please consider presenting an update of conservation issues or your research focused on amphibian biology and conservation in California, Nevada, or more broadly. Regular presentations are allotted 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentations and 5 minutes for Q&A). If a shorter time is desired, please request it in advance for scheduling purposes. A limited number of poster presentations will be accepted, with a display period of one day. Poster size will be limited to under 36 x 48 inches; we cannot support larger formats.

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.

For viewability by the audience, please avoid multiple image panels or small print on your slides.

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, 2023.

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: 200 words

Presentation type: Indicate oral or poster presentation.

****Indicates which author will be presenting***

Schedule (Pacific Time Zone)

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| Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm | Informal, no-host meet and greet Details to be determined |
| Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:45 am – 8:30 am 8:30 am ~ 5:00 pm 6:30 pm – 11:30 pm | Meeting, UC Merced, Grand Ballroom Registration and Refreshments Presentation Sessions No-host congregation (mixer), Tioga-Sequoia Brewery |
| Friday, January 12, 2024 7:45 am – 8:30 am 8:30 am ~ 5:00 pm | Meeting, UC Merced, Grand Ballroom Registration and Refreshments Presentation Sessions |
| Saturday, January 13, 2024 8:30 am ~ 1:00 pm | Field Trip Meet-up location and details to be determined |

Accommodations

We recommend the El Capitan Hotel (609 W. Main Street, Merced CA 95340). Their discounted rates are listed below, but will only be honored up to 30 days before the meeting.

Wednesday January 10 through Friday January 12: King or Double Queen: \$129.00
There is an additional 10.25% room tax.

To reserve your room, use the following booking link: [here](https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2024-01-10&chain=19403&child=0¤cy=USD&depart=2024-01-13&group=amphibian&hotel=41240&level=hotel&locale=en-US&rooms=1) , or copy the address below and paste into search engine:

<https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2024-01-10&chain=19403&child=0¤cy=USD&depart=2024-01-13&group=amphibian&hotel=41240&level=hotel&locale=en-US&rooms=1>

or call the hotel at 1-209-383-1234, and use booking code AMPHIBIAN.

Self-parking in the adjacent garage or neighboring streets is complimentary. Valet parking is \$15 with unlimited in-out privilege.

There are numerous other hotels in Merced 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 off campus.

We will have a no-host Congregation (mixer) at the Tioga-Sequoia Brewery Co. on Thursday night. Their taproom will be ours for the evening and they are offering \$1 off beer prices. A food truck with Mexican-style fair will be available and there is a very good pizza place around the corner for take-out to the taproom. There are also several restaurants nearby.

Location and Parking

Meeting Location: University of California Merced, Conference Center, Dr. Viokram and Priya Lakireddy Grand Ballroom.

Parking: Use the Bellevue Lot located at the intersection of Lake and Bellevue roads (in Google Maps or Apple Maps, search for Bellevue Lot UC Merced). The Conference Center is a couple hundred yards east of the Bellevue Lot.

You will need to buy a parking permit upon arrival (\$8/day).

Campus Map: Conference Center is immediately southeast of Little Lake on the map (see below).

