

Announcing the

California/Nevada Amphibian Population Task Force 2011 Meeting

To be held at the
Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, Cliff/Falls Room
Yosemite Valley, Yosemite National Park, California



January 6-7, 2011
(With Tentative Event/Field Trip on Jan. 8)

Registration

We thank **Friends of PARC** for facilitating registration

Early registration fee is **\$65** and closes December 10 (please, if possible, by Nov. 30)

Late registration fee is **\$75** and will be accepted online or at the door

Late registration at the door MAY be CASH OR CHECK only! (payable to Friends of PARC)

Registration is online at: http://www.regonline.com/CA_NV_APTF_2011

We really appreciate early registration because we have to pay for the meeting costs up front. It also helps us a lot to have a decent head count. As you know, we are a volunteer organization that depends on ***your*** active participation and support.

Park Entrance Fee Waiver

Yosemite National Park entrance fee (\$20/vehicle) will be waived for registered participants. We will send registered participants the waiver at a later date. If you are planning to register within a few days of the meeting or at the door, contact Heather McKenny in advance for the waiver; otherwise you will need to pay the \$20 fee.

Contacts

Meeting Coordinator:	Jef Jaeger	(702) 895-2463	jef.jaeger@unlv.edu
CA/NV APTF Chair:	Dave Bradford	(702) 798-2681	bradford.david@epa.gov
Yosemite NP Host:	Heather McKenny	(209) 379-1438	heather_mckenny@nps.gov

Call for Papers

Please consider presenting your work or an update of conservation issues or research focused on amphibian conservation and biology in California, Nevada, or elsewhere. Presentations are tentatively allotted 25 minutes – 20 min presentation and 5 min Q & A; time allowed for Q & A will be enforced. If you require a shorter time slot, then please request it ahead of time. Posters are possible, but we do not know where we will be able to put them up, so try to avoid a poster and present a talk instead.

Topic areas include: Active management of populations or habitat, agency programs and perspectives, chemical contamination effects, disease and malformations, ecology, invasive species effects and management, land management effects, legal actions, new methods and tools, population genetics and phylogeography, population status and distribution. Also, if you want to organize a discussion session on a specific topic, please let us know.

Presenters: Please send your *NAME, ADDRESS, and TENTATIVE TITLE* of the presentation to Dave Bradford as soon as you can at: bradford.david@epa.gov

Please send the final title and abstract by December 15^h.

Example Abstract Format:

DOE, JANE Q.^{1*}, and JOHN M. DOE²

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

TEXT OF ABSTRACT – *should be about 250 words*

* Indicates which author will be presenting

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, January 6, 2011

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration and Refreshments
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Presentations and Discussion

Friday, January 7, 2011

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration and Refreshments
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Presentations and Discussion

Saturday, January 8, 2011

TBD	Tentative field trip and discussion of amphibian issues associated with hydroelectric projects.
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Accommodations

Hotel: We have reserved a block of 30 rooms for conference participants at Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, where the meeting is located, for the nights of January 5, 6, and 7 at a rate of \$127 per night (double occupancy). Tax is 11%, so the total cost is \$140.97 per night. A third adult in the same room costs an additional \$10 per night fee. **The block of rooms at this rate will be held through December 6, 2010** (or until filled), after which the rooms will be released for general sale and may be booked based on availability.

There are two options for making reservation – on line or by form (reservations will not be accepted by phone). Booking on line is preferred.

To make reservations on line:

Go to: <http://www.yosemitepark.com/>
Select: 'Reservations'
Select: 'Make Reservation'
Enter: Your arrival and departure dates
Enter: Group code: 12W2CU
Select: 'Continue'...
Watch out on this next step as the selected departure date may not populate correctly.
Select: 'Select,' and confirm prices
Fill in personal information and credit card information
Select: Book Reservation
Print a copy of the details for your records

To make reservations by faxed form:

Follow the instructions provided by on the DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc. Reservation Request Form. The PDF form (Reservation Request Form), is provided with this email and is also available on line from: <http://faculty.unlv.edu/jaegej1/>
You may also want to consider the associated Travel Guard offer from DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.

Fax your completed form to: Maria Ruiz, Conference Department,
Delaware North Parks & Resort, at (559) 456-0542

We have not attempted this process, so if you are the first please let the meeting coordinator know if there are problems.

Alternative lodging:

El Portal, CA: 14 miles (22km) to Yosemite Valley

<i>Cedar Lodge</i>	888.742.4371 / 209.379.2612
<i>Yosemite Blue Butterfly Inn Bed & Breakfast</i>	/ 209.379.2100
<i>Yosemite View Lodge</i>	888.742.4371 / 209.379.2681

Midpines, CA: 36 miles (58km) to Yosemite Valley

<i>Bear Creek Cabins</i>	888.303.6993 / 209.966.5253
<i>Muir Lodge Motel</i>	/ 209.966.2468
<i>Ponderosa Guest House</i>	800.624.4858 / 209.966.5772
<i>Yosemite Bug Hostel (HI-USA)</i>	866.826.7108 / 209.966.6666
<i>Yosemite Country Cottage</i>	/ 209.742.7562
<i>Yosemite Trail Camp</i>	877.384.2900 / 209.966.6444

Camping in Yosemite Valley: Sunnyside Campground (Camp 4) is a walk-in, first-come, first-served campground located across the road from Yosemite Lodge. Tent sites are \$5/person. Because campground occupancy is generally low this time of year, sites will almost certainly be available, but be advised that you should be prepared for inclement winter weather.

Food and Dining

Coffee, tea, and snacks will be available before the meeting each day and during morning and afternoon breaks. No meals will be provided. Food and dining options include: the Food Court (a cafeteria-style food service), the Mountain Room Restaurant and Mountain Room Lounge at Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, Degan's Cafe and Deli at Yosemite Village, and the Village Store in Yosemite Village, which offers basic grocery supplies. There is also a small convenience store adjacent to the Cliff/Falls Room.

Directions

To Yosemite Valley:

From the south via Fresno and Oakhurst, take Hwy. 41 north, entering the park at the South Entrance near Wawona. Continue on the Wawona Road (Hwy 41 extension) to Yosemite Valley. From Fresno: Distance 100 miles (161 km); Time 2 – 2.5 hours.

From the west via Merced and Mariposa, take Hwy 140 east, entering the park at El Portal along the Merced River. Continue on the El Portal Road (Hwy 140 extension) to Yosemite Valley. From Merced: Distance 80 miles (129 km); Time 2 – 2.5 hours.

From the north via Sacramento, Manteca, Oakdale, and Groveland, take Hwy 120 east, entering park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance. Continue on the Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 extension) to Yosemite Valley. From Sacramento: Distance 176 miles (283 km); Time 4 – 4.5 hours.

From the East: HWY 120 IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON through Tuolumne Meadows and over Tioga Pass.

Note: Time estimates may vary depending on weather and road conditions.

To Yosemite Lodge:

In Yosemite Valley, take Southside Drive east and follow the signs to Yosemite Lodge at the Falls. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls is located just west of the Yosemite Creek Bridge, across from Camp 4 campground, and near the Yosemite Falls trailhead.

Please see Maps at end of this announcement. These maps are also available online at:
<http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/maps.htm>

For a more detailed park map, see:
<http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/upload/YOSEpark2003.pdf>
This map is also available for free at the park entrance.

Weather and Road Condition Considerations: Before leaving home, we advise that you check local weather conditions. Winter conditions, including snow, may occur in Yosemite Valley at the time of the symposium. To inquire about current road conditions, call (209) 372-0209 ext. 1, ext. 1, ext. 1., or visit the following website:
<http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>.

Note: Vehicles must carry chains when entering an activated chain-control area. Chains may be made mandatory on any park road at any time.

Maps of Yosemite National Park

