Announcing the

California/Nevada Amphibian Populations Task Force 2027 Meeting

-To be held at-

Santa Barbara Zoo
Discovery Pavilion
500 Ninos Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93103



California Red-legged Frog (*Rana draytonii*) panel by Robert Hansen

January 7–8, 2027

Field Trip on Saturday, January 9

Meeting Sponsors

Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy

Santa Barbara Zoo

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!

Required Participant Agreement

All participants are required to complete a Participant Agreement form as a condition of attending the meeting. Completing the Agreement is a **separate process** from registering for the meeting. Please complete the form prior to arrival at 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.

Below are the options for completing the form:

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/kpViDgb6Ww42sqfG6

Second option: Fill out the PDF attached to this email, then print, sign, scan, and email to Dave Bradford (dbradfo@herpconbio.org).

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

Meeting Registration

Register online at: https://cvent.me/xmbvlq

Early registration fee **$145.00**, closes December 15th, 2026 (**register earlier, please!**)

Late registration fee **$175.00**, available after December 15th, 2026, 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 Meet and Greet on Wednesday night, and appetizers will be served on Thursday evening as part of a no-host "Congregation" (see below for more details).

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 amount depends on when we have to commit funds for meeting expenses; we cannot refund after expenses have been invoiced.

Meeting Contacts

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

Please consider presenting your work on conservation-related issues for amphibians in California, Nevada, or more broadly. Regular presentations are allotted 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentations, 4 minutes for Q&A, 1 minute transition). If a shorter time is desired, please request it in advance for scheduling purposes. A limited number of poster presentations will be accepted. There will not be a designated time for poster presenters to tend their posters. Poster size will be limited to 36 x 48 inches; we cannot support larger formats.

Topic areas for presentations include: population studies and distribution, active management of populations, evaluations or management of threats (e.g., invasive species, habitat alteration, disease, chemical contamination), agency programs and perspectives, legal actions, new methods and tools, population genetics, phylogeography, and ecology. If space is available, we accept presentations on amphibious reptiles, e.g., turtles and garter snakes.

For viewability by the audience, please avoid multiple image panels or small print on your slides. Full slide images are preferred, in 16:9 aspect ratio. Please bring your presentation to the venue as a PowerPoint file on a thumb drive.

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.

See next page for abstract submission format.

Abstract Submission (Microsoft Word doc)

Please follow the example abstract format below:

Authors: DOE, JANE Q.[1]*, and JOHN M. DOE[2]. [1]Knowledge Quest Corp., San Francisco, CA, jdoe@pacbell.net; [2]Department of Science, University of California, Berkeley, CA

Title: Re-establishment of Extirpated Populations of the Red-legged Frog (*Rana draytonii*) in the San Joaquin Valley, California.

Text of Abstract: 200 words

Presentation type: Indicate oral or poster presentation.

**Indicates which author will be presenting.*

Only one email address per presentation.

Schedule (Pacific Time Zone)

Wednesday, January 6, 2027	Informal, no-host Meet & Greet
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	We will congregate in the 'Funk Zone' about a 5 minute drive from the Zoo (see details below)
Thursday, January 7, 2027	Meeting, Santa Barbara Zoo, Discovery Pavilion
7:15 am – 8:15 am	CDFW Amphibian Working Group Meeting, Board Room (CDFW staff only)
7:45 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Refreshments
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Presentation Sessions
5:15 pm – 9:00 pm	No-host Congregation (mixer), Santa Barbara Zoo (see details below)
Friday, January 8, 2027	Meeting, Santa Barbara Zoo, Discovery Pavilion
7:45 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Refreshments
8:30 am ~ 5:00 pm	Presentation Sessions
Saturday, January 9, 2027	Field Trip
8:30 am ~ 1:00 pm	Meet-up location and details to be determined

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Field Trips

On Saturday January 9, we plan to organize several field trips led by local herpers within the region of the meeting. We will provide further information as plans solidify.

Accommodations

We recommend the **Ramada by Wyndham Santa Barbara** for discounted room rates as follows:

Wednesday (Jan 6) through Thursday (Jan 7)
King Suite: $159 per night
Queen Suite: $179 per night

Friday (Jan 8) through Sunday (Jan 10)
King Suite: $199 per night
Queen Suite: $229 per night

The guest room rates above do not include room tax and fees at 16.195% per night.

All reservations are due by December 10, 2026.

For Reservations, use the following link: 2027 APTF Meeting- Santa Barbara Zoo

Or call the hotel directly (805) 964-3511 and mention the Amphibian Populations Task Force (APTF). For additional information about the Ramada, please see the associated flyer.

Food and Beverages

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. Extended lunch breaks will be scheduled both Thursday and Friday afternoons to allow time to go to local restaurants.

Meet & Greet and Congregation (mixers)

There is a no-host Meet & Greet on Wednesday night. We will meet in the 'Funk Zone' about a 5 min drive from the Zoo (expect to pay for parking in lots). We will select a specific location as we get closer to the meeting time.

We will have appetizers and a no-host bar Congregation (mixer) at the meeting venue on Thursday following presentations, along with access to the IllumaNature event at the Zoo (Link to IllumaNature page, ignore ticket costs).

Location and Parking

Meeting Location: Santa Barbara Zoo, 500 Ninos Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

Recommended Hotel: Ramada by Wyndham Santa Barbara, 4770 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA, 93110
