



Monterey, California
January 09, 2020

CRUCIAL HABITAT ASSESSMENT TOOL

WINTER MEETING

AGENDA

Moderator: Chanda Pettie, WAFWA CHAT Coordinator
Note Taker: Bonnie Ricord, WAFWA Program Specialist

- 8:00 - 8:15 am **Welcome & Introductions** *Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.- WAFWA Acting Executive Director*
- 8:15 - 8:30 am **Meet the Timmons Group** *Chris Gerecke, Director of Enterprise Solutions, Timmons Group*
Meet and welcome our newest CHAT partner, the Timmons Group. Chris Gerecke and his team provide geospatial expertise to advance our technical capabilities.
- 8:30 - 9:00 am **State Check-ins:** Hear from each state about CHAT related news and happenings of interest.
- 9:00 - 9:15 am **CHAT Data Community (CHAT DC)** *Matt Heller, GIS Administrator, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
Find out what's new with the CHAT DC team and learn more about this partnership.
- 9:15 - 9:45 am **Meeting Business** *Chanda Pettie, WAFWA CHAT Coordinator*
Financial Report: Review of 2019 gains/expenditures and forecasted budget for 2020.
Last Meeting's Business: Discuss and update the status of 2019 action items.
- Break (15 min.)*
- 10:00 - 11:00 am **Evaluate & Promote** *Chanda Pettie, WAFWA CHAT Coordinator*
Comment on the draft communication & marketing strategy; review the annual website use analytics; and prepare for the development of the User's Advisory Group.
- 11:00 - 12:00 pm Early Lunch Break
- 12:00 - 4:30 pm **TECHNICAL SESSION - *Implementing the Strategic Plan***
Break (15 min.)
- CHAT Architecture:** Review the new CHAT structure following the 2019 cloud transition including a behind-the-scenes look the AWS server, ArcGIS Hub and AGOL.
- What's New:** Explore the new tools available to state representatives and partners.
▪ *WAFWA GIS Service's ArcGIS Online* ▪ *NextCloud secure file share & collaboration* ▪
- CHAT Updates:** Evaluate the current process for state data updates and consider streamlining options. Revisit and demo of the **Data Provider Tool** as an option (presented by CHAT DC).
- Under-the-Hood Tool:** Look at the draft tool and make decisions for the next steps to production. (presented by CHAT DC).
- Website/Webmap:** Review of the public interface for updates and changes to keep it fresh. Discussion on ancillary data; new data sets to consider.
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm **New Business**
Director's Report: Identify topics for the Director's report.
New Action Items: Review the compilation of today's new action items.
- 7:00 pm Optional Dinner and Social (TBD).

Decision Support for Crucial Habitats Across the West
Delivering conservation through information exchange and working partnerships.



Meeting Logistics

Meeting Location: [Monterey Tides Hotel](#) at 2600 Sand Dunes Dr, Monterey, California 93940

Meeting Room: Captain's Chair

Meeting Date/Time: Thursday January 09, 2020 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Structure: The WAFWA CHAT meeting is occurring in association with the WAFWA Mid-Winter Meeting.

WAFWA Mid-Winter Meeting: The WAFWA 2020 Mid-Winter Meeting (January 09-12, 2019). [Review pricing and registration options](#) and make plans to attend. View the [WAFWA Mid-Winter Meeting's agenda](#).

Overnight Accommodations: Overnight accommodations are provided at the Monterey Tides Hotel, (TEL: 800-242-8627) [BOOK ONLINE](#). Overnight accommodations are available at the federal per diem prevailing rate of \$161/night plus tax.

Travel: Meeting location is 3 miles from the Monterey Regional Airport (MRY). Taxis and Lyft/Uber are available.

Bring: A laptop to explore the new tools available to the team.

CHAT Meeting Organizer: Please contact Chanda Pettie (chanda.pettie@wafwa.org, 719-207-5053)

CHAT Vision

WAFWA's vision for the future of the west includes healthy and productive landscapes with interconnected networks of large natural areas supporting viable populations of fish and wildlife (crucial habitats). WAFWA's vision includes the incorporation of CHAT into all landscape scale project planning across the west, realizing the goal of keeping common species common and improving the status of federally listed threatened and endangered species. WAFWA's goal for CHAT is to support, promote, and enhance a nationally recognized and widely used, state-based wildlife conservation tool that provides a roadmap for developing the west in an economically and environmentally viable way using the most up-to-date, credible, and defensible wildlife data and analysis. In addition, CHAT is a tool that provides guidance for priority conservation investment. WAFWA believes it is essential that the CHAT continue to advance in terms of technology, service, data, and content improvement.

Purpose of the Meeting:

To provide cross coordination between the CHAT Policy and Technical Groups to help ensure that each groups' perspectives are understood and incorporated into the development of the Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool.

This meeting will strategically build upon the technical aspect of our products and move us into the phase of evaluating and promoting our services.

Attendance: Technical and Policy Team Members, WAFWA leadership and our partners.

This meeting is open to the public.