

Important preparation instructions for California red-legged frog workshop participants

1) **THINGS YOU NEED:** you will need the following equipment

a. Waders. Ideally, chest waders. Less ideal choices, in descending order: hip waders, knee waders, or tennis shoes with clothes that you don't mind getting soaked in.

b. Flashlight AND head lamp. Download and read this document from our website:

http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=EcGUX6A

*Criteria for the Selection and Use of Light Sources and Binoculars for
Visual Encounter Surveys of Adult and Sub-Adult
California Red-legged Frogs (*Rana draytonii*)*

This document contains important information concerning light sources for eye shine surveys - VERY IMPORTANT – you will probably need to invest in new equipment, which will take time to find/ship.

c. Warm clothes. This field work is at night, on the coast, in water and maybe in drizzle. Be prepared to be cold and wet.

d. Dipping net. This is not required of everyone but if you have one it will help augment the limited number our researchers will have available.

2) **Directions:** We will meet at a location managed by the Contra Costa Water District to enter the Los Vaqueros ponds at 8 p.m. SHARP. We'll provide detailed driving directions during the workshop. Late arrivers may forfeit their attendance due to inability to find the group, which will punctually depart behind locked gates from that location.

3) **Carpooling?** You may want to find someone to drive with. We will post a contact list of others attending this workshop 2 weeks in advance of the training at the web page listed above.

4) **Rest Rooms:** In the field? Are you kidding?? But it will be night time....be prepared for field conditions.

5) **Rain? Still on? Emergencies?** If it rains a ton – prolonged heavy downpours – we may cancel this field training session. If you are wondering if it is still going to happen, feel free to call Grey Hayes at: 831-728-8050 any time between now and then. If you have other 'emergency' type questions/concerns, etc – call us. We'll be in touch with all others involved with the event.