

**Fall Business Meeting Agenda
Western Governors' Wildlife Council**

**December 5-6, 2012
Hotel Valley Ho
Scottsdale, Arizona**

Meeting Objectives:

- Review progress/products of Phase II CHAT development over past 12 months and approve Phase III work plan to publicly release west-wide CHAT in 2013.
- Announce contractor to develop the CHAT “viewer application” necessary to display crucial habitat in 2013.
- Identify steps necessary to ensure long-term funding for and updates/maintenance of CHAT.
- Continue efforts to coordinate and integrate with existing federal initiatives.
- Discuss with Stakeholder Advisory Group and others activities that support CHAT implementation now and into the future.

Wednesday, December 5

1:00 pm	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review – John Harja, WGWC Chair & Kevin Hunting, WGWC Vice-Chair Preview CHAT Development - Phase II Results
1:30	Discuss Application of CHATs into Federal Planning Activities – Bob Broscheid & Ray Suazo, Director, Arizona BLM <i>(invited)</i> Corbin Newman, Regional Forester, USFS Southwest Region <i>(invited)</i> Dr. Benjamin Tuggle, Regional Director, USFWS Southwest Region <i>(invited)</i>
2:30	Review Wildlife MOU & Efforts to Coordinate CHAT with Federal Agencies – Michael Bean, DOI and Anne Zimmermann, USFS
3:00	Opportunities to Partner with FHWA – Mary Frye, FHWA <i>(invited)</i> FHWA will discuss priorities of their EcoLogical program and offer opportunities for CHAT to be utilized to meet those priorities.
3:20	BREAK
3:30	Opportunities with USFWS Region 6 LEAP – Mike Thabault, USFWS Region 6 USFWS will present opportunities for CHAT information to be utilized in USFWS’ Landscape-scale Energy Action Plan (LEAP).

4:00	Stakeholder Advisory Group Present Implementation Recommendations SAG members will present their ideas on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An approach for the WGWC to pursue case studies implementing the December 2011 BLM Instructional Memorandum – Brad Powell, TU• Opportunities for implementation of CHAT in transportation planning – Rob Ament, Western Transportation Institute and Gregg Costello, Western Environmental Law Center• Implementation outreach plans for the energy industry and private landowners/ag groups – Spencer Kimball, Western Energy Alliance (<i>invited</i>)
5:00	Wrap Up & Adjourn
5:15 – 6:30 pm	Light Reception w/ Cash Bar

Thursday, December 6

7:30 am	Breakfast Provided
8:30	Recap Day 1 & Review Agenda – John Harja, WGWC Chair & Kevin Hunting, WGWC Vice-Chair
8:45	Present Progress on West-wide CHAT Development Present Outcomes of CHAT Development Phase II – Key representatives of the state CHAT technical leads will present on regional products and processes developed during Phase II (targets Steps 1 & 2 in WGWC's CHAT White Paper).
10:00	Announce Contractor to Develop the CHAT “Viewer Application” – Key representatives of the state CHAT technical leads will review the process by which a contractor was selected to develop the West-wide CHAT Viewer Application, and planned actions for 2013 (targets Step 3 in WGWC's CHAT White Paper). WGWC members will announce the winning bidder.
10:15	BREAK
10:30	Review and Approve CHAT Development Phase III Workplan – Key representatives of the state CHAT technical leads will present the technical workplan for Phase III in CHAT development – concluding with public launch of West-wide CHAT in December 2013.

11:00	Discuss Long-term CHAT Maintenance & Data Integration Opportunities – WGWC discussion with invited experts will begin to outline the opportunities and actions necessary to ensure long-term use of the West-wide CHAT. Expert panelists are: Alan Cox, Montana Natural Heritage Program Mary Klein, NatureServe Jim Strittholt, Conservation Biology Institute
12:30 pm	Wrap Up/Action Items
1:00 pm	Adjourn