

California Environmental Education Interagency Network
April 15, 2010
California Environmental Protection Agency
Minutes

Meeting Leader: Donna Pozzi

Note Taker: Lana McAllister

Attendees

Tina Muncie, Cal Recycle	Donna Pozzi, State Parks
Lana McAllister, Energy Commission	Anne Stephens, CDE
Mike Brugh, CDE/CalServe	Mary Stokes, State Parks
Natalie Lee, CalEPA-OEE	Chris Liske, CalEPA-OEE
Carolyn Tucker, DWR	Ed Wong, CARB
Annie Kohut Frankel, Coastal Commission	Divina Cadiz, CalRecycle
Darron Sprague, CARB	

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review

Welcome and Agenda Review completed. Introductions made to guest speakers: Carol Baird, Robert Diene and Lloyd Goldwasser from California Institute for Biodiversity.

Minutes

The March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Outstanding Action Items Reviewed

- Tina and others followed up on contacting DFG to update the CEEIN roster and changes to the CEEIN brochure. No CEEIN representative has been named from DFG, but we did receive updates to their brochure information. For members that did not submit updates or changes, their information will remain status quo.
- Lana will coordinate with Chris to get November meeting minutes.
- Mike is working on the google.dot group and will be coordinating with everyone.
- Mike, Donna, Kay, and Anne will be drafting letter from CEEIN regarding the importance of a state EE literacy plan.
- Anne will distribute CEEIN roster.

Guest Speaker

Carol Baird, Robert Diene and Lloyd Goldwasser from California Institute for Biodiversity shared information about their program CalAlive – go to www.calalive.org for more information. Carol talked about exploring biodiversity – focusing on habitats, environment, ecosystems and climate change by doing science which is better than memorizing science. CalAlive sponsors many programs for teachers to do “hands on” science which enables them to return to their classrooms and share with their students.

CalAlive follows up with teachers to see how they are incorporating this information into their classrooms.

Their organization provides materials to teachers. They are currently working on a DVD, The Adventures of Margie and Alex, which will excite students in 5th grade to learn more about energy.

What's New in Your World

- Anne reported on the EE Leadership Summit. **Date:** Thursday, May 13, 2010
Location: Holiday Inn, 300 J Street, Sacramento. The proposal was developed by the Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division of the CDE, Tom Adams, Director. Environmental Education at the CDE is in a different division (English Learner and Curriculum Support), and were not part of the development of this proposal. **Concept Proposal: Environmental Education Leadership Summit Objective:** The California Department of Education (CDE), with the support of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), will utilize a \$30,000 Leadership Sustainability Grant from Heal the Bay to conduct a one-day Environmental Education Leadership Summit. The primary purpose of the Summit will be to build support for the implementation of the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) throughout the state. The intended audience will be school district leaders, publishers of state-adopted instructional materials, and representatives of philanthropic and non-profit organizations with an interest in environmental issues. Attendance is limited to 100 invitees.
- Annie: The Coastal Commission is scheduled to attend a lot fairs, including ones in Oakland, Whittier, Ventura, Watsonville, and Folsom. Coastal Commission staff recently took a sample of plastic debris from Kehoe Beach at Pt. Reyes for use in public education. Artists Judith Selby Lang and Richard Lang create beautiful and disturbing pieces from beach plastic, much of it collected at Kehoe, and they will be designing this year's Coastal Cleanup Day posters.
<http://www.beachplastic.com>
- Tina reminded everyone of the SAGE sponsored California Green Fair on April 20 (it will be at the State Capitol near the west steps) to be held 11:00-1:00. Be sure to check it out. Recycle Rex will be making an appearance and also on Earth Day, April 22nd, at Cal/EPA, and at Cesar Chavez Park.
- Carolyn is writing up the specs for her position and will hopefully be involved with finding her replacement when she retires.
- Donna said that Earth Day will be celebrated at many of the State Parks. Many volunteers come to "prettify" and clean the parks.
- Lana reminded everyone that April 22nd starts California's appliance rebate program. You can receive rebates for purchasing energy efficient refrigerators,

washers and window air conditioners. The artwork contest for the 2011 Energy Calendar ends today – winners will be announced by May 1st.

- Mary is helping Donna with links to EEI.
- Mike Brugh gave upcoming dates of regional STEM leadership training: August in Sacramento and September in San Diego. He also talked about STEM funding – forming partnerships to support (adopt or sponsor) teams of students.
- Ed heard that NOVA will air a segment on Green Energy Solution and the Governor will be interviewed (thinks it will air in the next week or two). Also, CalEPA is overseeing AB 32 – reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Wanted to remind everyone not to forget O₂ while concentrating on CO₂.

Committee Reports and Discussion

- Administration: No report.
- Leadership, Legislation and Diversity: Listening in on statewide conference calls regarding No Child Left Inside series.
- Communications: No report.
- Environmental Education Initiative: Chris reported that fundraising campaigns have started – the 19 school districts that tested EEI are now being asked to use it.
- Natalie shared that a professional development contract is in its finalization stage with the San Diego Office of Education to do material development of on-line program.

Other business

Next meeting is scheduled May 20th at CalRecycle, 801 K Street, 17th floor conference room.