

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network  
Meeting Minutes**



**Date:** May 18, 2017  
9:30-11:30 AM

**Location:** American River Water Education Center at Folsom Dam  
7785 Folsom-Auburn Rd., Folsom, CA 95630

**Meeting Leader:** Brian Brown  
**Note Taker:** Shannon Gordon

**Attendee's in-person:**

**Members:**

Sandra Derby	UC Agriculture and Natural Resources
Laura Drath	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Shannon Gordon	California Department of Education
Gregory "Greg" Ira	UC Agriculture and Natural Resources
Christy Porter Humpert	California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
DeAnn Tenhunfeld	California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom
Edward Wong	California Air Resources Board

**Partners:**

Brian Brown	Project WET
Reed Schneider	Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (AEOE)
Tracey Weiss	Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (AEOE)

**Attendees on the phone:**

Heather Holm	California State Parks
Tom Drake	Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (AEOE)

1. Meeting called to order at: 9:43 am.
  - Welcome and Introductions (we have quorum)
  - Reviewed agenda
  - Passed Around Sign-In Sheet
2. Reviewed Meeting Minutes
  - Minutes from March 2017; Motion to approve: Ed Wong made first motion, Sandy Derby made second motion.

- Minutes from April 2017, Motion to approve: Ed Wong made first motion, Sandy Derby made second motion

### **3. Reviewed Action Items from April 2017 meeting**

- Ed will modify the minutes posting deadline in the Handbook- Deferred until after discussion
- Ed will modify the agenda and notes templates in the handbook Deferred until after discussion
- Heather needs to have California State Parks staff suggest a layout and the upload photos to BOX- Not complete
- Everyone should edit the April minutes that are put in BOX- Done
- The members of the Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships Committee need to agree on the text and size (bookmark or half-page size) of CEEIN brochure and send to Heather.- Done

## **4. Committee Reports and Discussion**

### **Leadership and Legislation Committee Update:**

- Janet Mann is looking into whether the CA Council for Social Studies' March 2018 Conference can have a strand for sessions related to environmental literacy. For more information on this Conference, please visit: [www.ccss.org](http://www.ccss.org)
- Shannon discussed SB 424 and AB 1354; information on the most recent updates can be found in the following box.com folder in the L and L committee folder: Proposed Legislation Related to EE
- Curriculum Resource Guide for CEEIN- Christy Porter Humpert asked if the most recent version of the CEEIN Guidelines for Developing Education Materials Subcommittee is in box.com. Yes, please see version edited on April 20, 2017.

### **Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships Committee Update:**

- Kids Ocean Day events happening this week. Please share information:  
<https://twitter.com/i/moments/864971828556517376>

### **Administration and Organization Committee Update:**

- MOU Status – CDE, UCANR, and Natural Resources Agency have signed. Next we work on signature of CalEPA Secretary Matthew Rodriguez. Final signature will be CA Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross.
- California Firewood Task Force (CFTF) Partnership Vote - The Administration and Organization Committee recommends them to be a CEEIN partner. Motion to approve CFTF as a CEEIN Partner - Sandy Derby and Greg Ira of UCANR made first motion; Christy Porter Humpert, CalRecycle made second motion. Quorum vote approved CFTF as a CEEIN Partner.
- Note email change for Susan Knadle - Susan Knadle has a new email address. Ed updated in Box.

- Edits needed to CEEIN Procedural Manual - It was recommended prior that the note-taker post the minutes in Box within 7 business days of the meeting. A Meeting Minutes Template (once approved) will be placed in the CEEIN Procedural Manual.
- Discussion on Meeting Minutes Template - Please note the posted document in Box.com is a sample of meeting minutes, not a template. Ed will make a template and present it at the July meeting. Note- a change needs to be made to the agenda template and Meeting Minutes Template to reflect presentations.

## **5. New Business**

No new business was discussed other than what was discussed in the Committee Updates.

### **Action Items from this meeting:**

- Heather needs to have California State Parks staff suggest a layout and the upload photos to BOX
- Annie please edit Susan's email on website
- Ed will make a Meeting Minute Template and present it at the June meeting with the Sample Meeting Minutes that are currently on box.com

## **6. Presentation: Environmental Education Certification**

Reed Schneider and Tracey Weiss presented.

See presentation handouts distributed to CEEIN Members via email on June 2, 2017.

Questions for presenters:

1. Christy - Could you please elaborate on how this would increase diversity in the field.

Answer- Currently, the some educators are being required to have a Bachelor's Degree and eliminating this could help open the field up to those who positions are not open to now.

2. DeAnn- What is the expected Timeline?

Answer- It took Colorado 3 years, California could move faster. Our kick off meeting was in March, now we need to make sure we have the right people involved to develop the pieces needed.

3. Greg- At the kick-off meeting, another state said they had certification focused on non-formal educators. Are you looking at formal and non-formal educators?

Answer - That is to be determined. We largely represent the informal and nonformal educators in collaboration with those who certify formal educators. There are many pathways an educator can take to enter this certification process. We need to discuss all these different possible pathways and maybe have different packages for each. We want to work with all the partners and agencies who are currently trying to help environmental educators get trained and receive various certifications.

Greg- I've seen examples where an educators can use previous certifications to count towards this certification. For example, CA Naturalists have to do a capstone project, could they use this towards this certification?

Answer- Yes, we would like to consider that. California is such a rich state; we don't need to create a lot of new content.

Brian- What is entailed in the Professional Responsibilities of an Environmental Educator?

Answer- The goal is that an intern with this certification will ensure the person can take students on a trail in a safe way. The idea whether this topic focuses on safety will be up to those who work on developing this.

Ed- I would really like to see the other existing programs' certification be used. As state agency people, what would we need this for?

Shannon, Laura, and Heather mentioned multiple agencies would be interested in this certification for staff who is hired by a non-profit organization and working with agency staff with students in park. It could help make sure the staff is operating in a safe manner with students.

Ed- What about past experience in addition to taking courses?

Answer- We don't have a rubric specific to California yet. Colorado did count experience as part of their portfolio.

### **Formal Meeting Wrapped-Up at: 11:30 AM**

#### **6. What's New in Your World**

CEEIN Members and Partners: Please insert your update you here.

Laura - CDFW participated in State Scientists Day at the Capitol on May 10<sup>th</sup>; Lesa had organized some great materials for the more than 2,500 students who attended including leaf rubbings led by our botanists, a tide pool exploration lead by Marine region staff, wildlife tracking tools, skulls, tracks, and more. <http://capsscienitsts.org/ssd/> The finals of the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Nature Bowl environmental education competition took place on May 6 at CSUS, with around 190 students from 24 teams competing.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/education/article149136274.html> I recently printed a "Lower American River Explorer's Passport" featuring seven outdoor education/recreation entities along the parkway to give out to kids and families to encourage repeated visits to the parkway; I'll bring a sample to the next meeting.

Sandy - On May 30, the Board of Trustees of the American Forest Foundation voted to transfer Project Learning Tree to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. After 40 years a new organizational home for National PLT. Our State programs expect to change very little-business as usual- and we shall see. CA PLT is also in the midst of securing a new organizational home- still within UC ANR but nesting in other UC ANR programs to strengthen growth and program collaboration.

Summer FIT sessions begin in two weeks- all four sessions filled up. PLT/USFW Workshop on June 27-29 at Effie Yeaw location. PLT program development focus for summer months.

Ed – Participated in the May 5<sup>th</sup> SMUD Solar Regatta and May 10<sup>th</sup> State Scientist Day. Provided air pollution and climate change educational and outreach resources to the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment for an event.

Greg – The California Naturalist program conducted an instructor training in Oakland May 8-9, is planning a regional rendezvous for all current and interested naturalists at the Pepperwood Preserve in October, celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> California Naturalist class, and is doing a study on the impact of the CalNat course on career development with a focus on urban youth taking the course in a workforce development capacity. In addition, CalNat Director, Adina Merendlender, has been elected President of the Society for Conservation Biology. Greg submitted a presentation proposal for NAAEE annual conference in October and plans to attend of the presentation is accepted.

**7. Next CEEIN Meeting:**

June 15, 2017

Location: CA Department of Education, 1430 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Lead: Shannon Gordon

Note-taker: Janet Mann