

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network
June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Leader: Lana McAllister

Note Taker: Tina Muncie

Attendees

Carolyn Tucker, DWR

Annie Kohut Frankel, Coastal
Commission

Natalie Lee, EEI

Lana McAllister, Energy Commission

Donna Pozzi, State Parks

Kay Antunez, Cal Fire

Susan Knadle, OEHHA

Mike Brugh, CDE

Tina Muncie, CalRecycle

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review

No guest speaker for this meeting; it was too late to schedule Suzette Bienvenue DelBono, with the YES Program. She may be the guest speaker for July; to discuss the Youth Energy Summit, high school student's thesis on energy, for scholarships. Per Mike that program is well organized and the students are involved in community energy issues.

Minutes

The May minutes were approved.

Outstanding Action Items

- Put on a future agenda to discuss changing to bi-monthly meetings: we discussed this at today's meeting: It was noted that this was requested for discussion at a future CEEIN meeting by Ed Wong, during either the February or March 2010 meeting, and that Donna brought it up again at the May meeting (we were reminded that Ed had brought it up because it will be Cal/EPA's turn to have control of the meetings next year, and there are not enough members at Cal/EPA to handle the lead role duties for the two years in the next cycle). Some members can see the benefit of bi-monthly meetings, with regards to vacant rep positions, schedules and availability, and justifying our time spent at CEEIN meetings; other members prefer to keep them 10x/year, since it could prove difficult to stay in the loop without regular meetings, especially since we are looking to work on a literacy plan. We decided to revisit this issue in the Fall, if needed; members can always call in to the meetings as a way to stay in the loop. It was noted that educating the public on our programs can be a challenge, we need to expand our partnerships and interest; CSTA and Ag in the Classroom were named as outreach efforts.
- Mike, Donna, Kay and Anne: draft letter about the importance of developing an EE literacy plan: This is being drafted.
- Lana: obtain November 2009 CEEIN minutes from Chris Graillat: Still needs to hear from Chris, is having a hard time connecting with her.

- Tina: contact Betsy Magladry for contact info for potential DFG rep.: Tina's email to Betsy was forwarded to Betsy's contact Bernadette, who will decide on the new rep. Per Kay, Bobbie Winn told her that they are looking to replace Project WILD staff, that staff may be a new rep. This segued into a discussion about other member agencies that have had no rep for quite awhile, and the past efforts by Tina to fill those vacancies. Mike will contact a point person at Food and Ag; Susan will contact a point person at Toxics.

Committee Reports and Discussion

- Administration & Organization: Anne is not here, nothing to report. Tina Muncie: CEEIN brochures on schedule to be delivered to CalRecycle warehouse on or around July 9. Please forward your requests to Tina via email, with the amount and where to send them to. If you like you can do so before the arrival of the new brochures, she will keep the requests in queue and fill once they are at the warehouse.
- Leadership, Legislation & Diversity: The EEI literacy plan letter is still being drafted. A congressman from California who has introduced legislation at the federal level which would eliminate the Environmental Education Act—the legislation probably won't pass, but everyone should be aware of this sentiment. Natalie asked about the EEI literacy plan letter and has she been missing the committee meetings? All committee members are welcome to participate in meeting on this. (Members are Kay Antunez, Susan Knadle, Carolyn Kolstad, Natalie Lee, Tiffany Saleh, Anne Stephens, Mike Brugh and Donna Pozzi.) Recent meetings have been during lunch, at the Leg Office Café on N Street. Donna explained that because the last three times that there was a meeting scheduled, no one showed up or called in so the smaller group has continued to meet. NCLI takes up the committee time but does not replace the committee duties. The EEI literacy letter has been difficult to get started because the political atmosphere is changing.
- Communications: Today is Carolyn's last CEEIN meeting; she is retiring at the end of the month. There are no updates from Annie or Mike. Annie asked if the events calendar she maintains is useful and of course it is! Anne has been working on the web site and there have been no recent meetings.
- Environmental Education Initiative: Natalie: revisions still being done on 17 Units. Final versions at the web site; the web site has all the Units, in either draft or final form. There have been some changes to the EEI web site regarding accessibility. Field testing is going on now. All the school districts whom they have met with want the Units in their classrooms. The San Diego professional development contract is due; expect to have it signed by July. She will make sure group is on EEI listserve. The Teacher Editions of the Units are slated to be viewed only if you are registered at the site, and log on with password. They eventually will be able to track who is looking at them via the log on information. The fundraising is going very well, high level staff are on the Executive

Committee (Charles Munger was given as example). The Toyota Foundation has been identified as a contributor. The consultant will provide her with notes and she will share with the group. Mindy and Andrea met with Jack O'Connell Bonnie Reed on a regular basis, for CDE perspectives and updates. Mike wants to know about the overlap between the San Diego professional development contract and CDE Environmental Grant Program RFA—she will look at the RFA for the overlap.

What's New in Your World?

- Kay Antunez: Project Learning Tree and Project WET are hosting professional development training for university faculty working with pre-service teachers funded by a grant from US-EPA. She is also working with CREEC Region 9, 10 and 11 to host PLT early childhood workshops in July. She brought handouts re: Project Learning Tree and service learning grants for teaching about gardens and pollinators.
- Carolyn Tucker: winding down her job and is part of the panel that will interview and recommend hiring her replacement. Paring down her duties and archiving materials; there may be no funds that would allow her to return as a RI.
- Donna Pozzi: This week there is training for a State Park Interpretive staff, who will work at Off Highway parks (OHV parks).
- Susan Knadle: she is teaching a seminar at UCD; she may participate in an Adjunct Professorship.
- Mike Brugh: There is a RFA for STEM Service Learning that will fund eight regions with \$30,000-\$55,000 per region to establish regional programs to support teachers and their partners to do STEM based service-learning projects. There will be a statewide focus on service-learning projects with an energy utilization component. Is finishing a report that will focus on community benefits delivered through watershed projects conducted in 2009-10.

Action Items

- Mike: send RFA to group
- EEI literacy letter "committee": send invite to group for participation
- Natalie: follow up on listserve
- Mike: contact Food and Ag for potential rep
- Susan: contact Toxics for potential rep
- Lana: to be note taker for July 2010 meeting
- Lana (**Chris!**): need the November 2009 minutes.

Please note: Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 15, 9:30 – 11:30, and will again be held at the Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Attendees will have to sign in at Security Desk on the 1st Floor.