



California Environmental Education Interagency Network
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California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street, Conference Room 2410, Sacramento, CA 94814
Meeting Leader: Michelle Robinson
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Participants:

Genesis Rivas- intern with Ed Wong
Brian Brown- Project WET, Water Education Foundation
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Michelle Robinson-Department of Water Resources
Bobbie Winn-Department of Fish and Game
Carolyn Schimandle-State Parks
Ed Wong- Air Resources
Anne Stephens-California Department of Education
Annie Kohut Frankel- California Coastal Commission
Lesa Johnston-Department of Fish and Game

Minutes

- 9:30 **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review**
- 9:35 **Minutes** – Approval (Sept. & Oct.)
 Could not be approved due to lack of a quorum
- 9:40 **Action Items** from October:
- Anne sent CEEIN Benefits statement along with MOU draft for members to review.
 - Bryan sent inquiry to Food and Agriculture requesting a contact person to serve as a CEEIN representative but did not receive a response. He spoke with Secretary Ross, she indicated interest. Brian Brown suggested that Judy Culbertson from Ag in the Classroom might be someone who could assist.
 - Anne contacted Department of Education Facilities for assistance in disseminating information from US EPA and Air Resources about school classroom health issues.

- Anne checked that CSTA had the download of Common Core and NGSS information and will provide members with the link.
- Kay was to look for the committee list since no one is on Admin committee – this item was tabled since Kay was not present at the meeting.
- Michelle sent out a PDF of current CEEIN brochure for edits. Edits can be sent directly to Michelle. There is a large supply of brochures available.
- Anne sent out link to the Environmental Justice Map from OEHHA. Review the entire website there is much information contained in the site that helps explain the map.

10:00

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** Discussed the MOU and Benefits paper. Bryan Ehlers made suggestions to include language changes that would resonate with Directors. He suggested including the cost of the Compendium and how it and the Disney Environmentality program were financed. He also suggested clarifying the terms “outreach and networking”. It was decided that Bryan Ehlers would review the documents and make recommendations for needed changes. These revisions will be provided to CEEIN before the January meeting.
 - Anne commented there needs to be clarification concerning the dates for the past MOU signings.
 - It was suggested that perhaps Donna could talk to the Resources Deputy Director Todd Ferrara asking him to carry the MOU forward for the Resource Agency.
- **Communications:** Michelle has brochures if anyone needs them. There are many edits that need to be made in light of program shifting. Edits may be sent directly to Michelle.
- **Leadership, Legislation, Diversity:** Anne provided an update on the student fees for field trips and outdoor school programs. Tulare County Department of Education and Stanislaus Department of Education have each sought legal interpretations. The Stanislaus brief relates to fees for Outdoor Schools and Tulare’s concerns interpretation for general fee implementation.
- **Education and the Environment Initiative:** Bryan reported that the teacher orientation for EEI Implementation is progressing on schedule with each school district establishing their own pace for the process. Correlations to Common Core standards will be done on a unit by unit basis.

- A *Kickstarter* campaign starting the Monday after Thanksgiving is being initiated to fund the development of several ebooks. Being developed by Michael Leifer and Will Duggan.
- New Curriculum Catalog for EEI to be on the website soon. Bryan will send members notice of this.

10:20 **New Business**

Environmental Literacy Task Force:

Superintendent of Education launched the development of an Environmental Literacy Blueprint.

- He initiated the appointment of an Environmental Literacy Task Force. The Task Force will be made up of 35 members. Members will serve on one of five committees. Concerns to be reviewed include funding, classroom (curriculum), environmental justice and professional development issues. Defining terms as “environment” will be primary for the Task Force.
- Creating the Blue Print will be a one year process. The process for listening sessions for the public has yet to be decided upon.
- An Environmental Education Blue Print which is not as specific as the creation of an Education Plan.

10:50 **Presentation**

Anne introduced, Barbara Murchison, from the Department of Education Common Core Implementation office. Barbara spent 17 years as a classroom teacher as well as various extended learning opportunities. She explained that the need for Common Core Standards was stimulated by the need for college and career readiness standards. In June 2010, The Common Core Standards were introduced. A set of National Common Core standards benefits students who move from state to state.

2010 CA. legislators passed SBX 51 that established Academic Standards tied to anchor or core standards that would build across grades and across subjects.

The Department of Education website provides Common Core information as well as a teacher tab to aid instructors with the implementation of the CC standards. Visit the CDE Common Core State Standards Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/> Barbara suggested also exploring the website: www.achievethecore.org/stealthese-tools and subscribing to an

informational list-serve: sbac@mlist.cde.ca.gov . Barbara can be emailed at: bmuchison@cde.ca.gov

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What's New in Your World

Annie Kohut Frankel reported that her recent southern CA workshops were very successful. The facilities at Channel Islands, Newport Back Bay Center and Clear Cove were excellent. The Coastal Commission Art Display is open to the public at Channel Island National Park Visitor Center.

Brian Brown reported that the Whiskeytown workshop that he and Anne Stephens provided training in EEI units and Project WET. He is working with San Mateo County educators and Walker Creek Outdoor School in a program where the teachers teach an EEI unit in preparation for student's outdoor school experience. At the Outdoor School students are provided experience in actually applying the concepts from the EEI Unit. Brian is also working with USGS, the Sacramento State Water Science Center in preparation for the 50 years anniversary celebration.

Sharon Jang emailed the following date changes to be included in the meeting notes.

Environmental Education Regional Model Grants - new deadline: December 12, 2012. This grant program supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions towards the environment.

President's Environmental Youth Award - new deadline: December 31, 2012. The PEYA program promotes environmental stewardship efforts created and conducted by our nation's young people, and encourages positive community involvement.

Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators – deadline: January 31, 2013. The Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators recognizes outstanding kindergarten through grade 12 teachers who employ innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for learning for their students.

Additional information can be found at www.epa.gov/education

11:25

Meeting Wrap-Up/Clarify Action Items

- Anne will send web link for download of NGSS information provided at CSTA.

- Anne will send speaker's power point Common Core presentation
- Bryan will send website information for the new EEI catalog
- Bryan will make suggestions for revisions for the MOU draft and the Benefits statement. These suggestions will be sent to members with enough time before the January meeting so that people will have time to provide input.
- Anne will added the correct signing dates to the MOU draft
- Tabled from October - Kay will look for the committee list since no one is on Administration committee
- Anyone with edits for the CEEIN brochure should sent them to Michelle
- Annie is the lead on next meeting.
- Michelle will be note taker.
- Each lead host needs to establish a conference call number.
- Donna has an account number as does DWR.
- January 17, room 230 at CalEPA.

11:30

Adjourn