

## California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting



**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 9:30-11:30 AM  
**Location:** US Fish & Wildlife Service, Auburn, CA 95603

**Meeting Leader:** Ed Wong  
**Note Taker:** Brian Brown

**Present:**  
Ed Wong, CARB  
Brian Brown, Water Education Foundation, Project WET  
Carolyn Kolstad, US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Donna Pozzi, State Parks  
Susan Knadle, OEHHA, retired, UC Davis  
Lesa Johnston, California DFW  
Anne Stephens, CDE  
Judy Nottoli, CARB  
Michelle Robinson, California DWR

**Call –in:**  
Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission  
Christy Porter Humpert, CalRecycle  
Brook Gamble, U.C. Master Naturalists

### AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>1. <u>Check – in and Catch –up</u></b>	<b>9:30-9:45 AM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Introductions</li><li>• Review Agenda and Pass Around Sign-In Sheet</li><li>• Action Items from October meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ David Moore will contact Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area as a possible 2014 meeting location. Ed will follow-up with David.</li><li>○ Annie Kohut Frankel set-up CEEIN Twitter account and begin accepting “tweets” for posting. Richard Louv (Nature deficit disorder) signed on as a follower!</li><li>○ Brian Brown sent list of reserved room dates for possible CEEIN meetings at Water Education Foundation.</li><li>○ Ed Wong emailed workshop flyer announcement to CEEIN Strand</li></ul></li></ul>	

presenters for distribution at the CSTA Conference. Sent CARB education materials to Palm Springs for CREEC Coordinator for CSTA conference distribution.

- Brian Brown provided members with a scan of the National Green School conference (March 27-29, 2014 in Sacramento) sponsorship and benefits page.
- Lesa Johnston contacted Nimbus Fish Hatchery as a possible 2014 meeting location.
- Minutes from October meeting – Approved and passed

**2. What's New In Your World (Early Sign-Off)**

- Johannes Troost, CDE

**3. Committee Reports and Discussion**

**9:45-10:10 AM**

- Administration and Organization
  - Ed gave an update on 2014 meeting locations.
  - Carolyn offering to host a 2014 meeting.
  - Susan look into meeting at John Muir Institute for Environment @ UC. Davis
  - Anne suggests looking into California State Library for meeting(s).
  - Lesa shared David Moore news setting up meeting for September 18<sup>th</sup> at Yolo Bypass.
  - Donna suggests CA Rail Museum.
  - Ed shared that Sandy Derby is working on UC Ag. Building for June meeting.
  - CEEIN meeting volunteers filled for 2014!
  - Donna started discussion regarding status or need for MOU. Anne reports MOU is indefinitely on hold according to Phil LaFontaine. Ed suggests MOU is not needed.
- Communications and Outreach
  - Annie asks all CEEIN members to please send her information to tweet on CEEIN Twitter feed!
  - Anne reported there were 2,000 people at STEM conference & CEEIN was represented by CREEC.
- Diversity, Leadership and Legislation
  - Anne reported that applications to participate in focus group meetings for the new Science Framework have been accepted and are in the process of being reviewed. The tentative schedule for

activities related to the development of the Framework can be found at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/sc/cf/index.asp>

- Environmental literacy Task Force – Anne reported there is no news or action related to the Task Force.
- An outside grass roots effort is underway to investigate the use of Environmental License Plate Funds & why more not going to kids for EE programs. More action possible in next legislative session.

**4. Guest Speaker - Lynn Campbell**

**10:10-10:50 AM**

- *“The Sierra Nevada Conservancy: A Focus on California’s Sierra Nevada Region”.*
- Ed will get pdf copy of presentation and will distribute presentation to CEEIN members.
- Great link Lynn shared during meeting for CEEIN members to check-out: [www.sierranevadageotourism.org](http://www.sierranevadageotourism.org)

**5. New Business**

**10:50-11:05 AM**

- 2014 NSTA Area Conference with CSTA in Long Beach, Dec. 4-6, 2014, Call for Proposals – Ed Wong; Group discussion on organizing CEEIN strand? Registration costs if accepted proposals? Costs? Ed will follow with Jessica at CSTA

**6. What’s New In Your World**

**11:05-11:20 AM**

- Annie: CSTA fantastic! Lots of interest at table and overflowing workshop!; Working on new programs with several enthusiastic educators at conference; Will submit NSTA proposal, but no table due to expense; Art & Poetry contest; 2013 contest exhibit at Birch Aquarium; Whale Tail grants being read; Legislation authorizing check-off on CA tax forms. Annie will send information to Anne to post in CREEC.
- Brooke: 2014 Master Naturalist conference dates- Oct. 17-19, Asilomar; Pacific Grove Museum is partner; more details coming. Expecting @ 200 at this point
- Christy: First NGSS- EEI correlations on EEI website & getting feedback from educators; Fall EEI webinar series just finishing with about 150 people going through the training - Will post recordings of webinar on EEI website. New webinar series will begin in January – asks for help getting word out.
- Judy: Hope all enjoyed Exploreatorium pictures.
- Lesa: Bruce Foreman will be speaker at November 2014 CEEIN meeting at the Numbus Fish Hatchery meeting; Tour of visitor center with Laura Drath.

- Carolyn: Gearing up for next Federal shutdown and still recovering from the last. Lots of funding available for School-Yard Habitat program and possible return of San Diego School-Yard Habitat Coordinator. Working with Oregon School-Yard Habitat office on projects in northern California and has received call from CA Parks staff in Monterey area to work on a project.
- Lynn and Susan: Pass on reporting.
- Anne: Congratulations to Judy for recognition highlighting women in STEM careers. Great follow-up from Floodplain Institute in Chico and plans are in the works to expand program to San Joaquin River in Fresno area. Michelle noted this is still up in air on DWR end. Ed asked if there will be a CREEC or CDE table at NSTA.
- Donna: Parks and local fairs connections for State Parks 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary to generate competition between fairs – photo contests, quilting, etc. Suggests CEEIN members consider working with county fair groups and seeking a future CEEIN speaker from this group. Ed asks Donna to keep us posted & give us update on planned 150<sup>th</sup> celebration plans. Notes CA Parks First Day Hikes around New Year's links to Sierra Nevada Conservancy website.
- Michelle: Enjoyed being a participant at CSTA and is seeking better understanding of Common Core State Standards. Anne said she will send a Stanford link and forward Donna links to a Clovis USD overview of Common Core to help parents understand. CREEC contract with CDE approved to support network.
- Brian: Most interest in Project WET activities and workshops at CSTA in 10 years and is trying to get Facilitators around state to offer more early 2014 workshops – about a dozen organized to date. Will confer with Project WET Foundation and nearby state coordinators about 2014 NSTA conference - May put in proposal depending on ability to cover costs.
- Ed: Reported CSTA is not sure about 2015 conference due to NSTA regional conference in Reno, Nevada. Wants to expand CEEIN work/outreach efforts in 2014.

## 7. **Meeting Wrap-Up**

**11:20-11:30 AM**

### Action Items:

- Ed will
  - ✓ follow-up with David Moore about Yolo Basin as 2014 meeting location
  - ✓ follow-up with Sandy Derby about new U.C. office site as 2014 meeting location.
  - ✓ Send out October minutes to Nate Ivy for comment.
  - ✓ Send pdf copy of Lynn Campbell's presentation to CEEIN members.

- ✓ Send out extra presentation SNC packets & links to CEEIN members not present.
- ✓ Check with Jessica at CSTA about costs/planning for 2014 conference.
- ✓ Check-in with Christy about CEEIN helping to getting word out on EEI programs
- Annie will send information on legislation authorizing check-off on CA tax forms to Anne post in CREEC
- Anne will
  - ✓ Post the CA tax form check-off information from Annie on CREEC.
  - ✓ send link on State Science Framework Focus Group Committee to CEEIN members
  - ✓ Anne will contact Diane Deally, CA Forestry Challenge about presenting at a future CEEIN meeting
  - ✓ Forward Donna's link to Clovis USD overview explaining Common Core to parents and a Stanford link explaining Common Core to CEEIN members.
- Susan look into UCD John Muir Institute for Environment for CEEIN meeting
- Donna will keep us posted on planned CA Parks 150<sup>th</sup> celebration plans.
- All: Should CEEIN participate in National Green Schools Conference?

No December Meeting

Next Meeting: January 16, 2014 at Cal/EPA, Room 230

Lead Host and Location Contact: Ed Wong  
 Note Taker: Anne Stephens