

DRAFT MEETING NOTES
California Environmental Education Interagency Network
Thursday, November 20, 2014 9:30-11:30 AM
CA Department of Fish and Wildlife – Region 2
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95678



Meeting Leader: Lesa Johnston

Note Taker: Brian Brown

Attendees:

Chris Breazeale	CDE
Brian Brown	Project WET
Sandy Derby	Project Learning Tree
Laura Drath	CA DFW
Annie Kohut Frankel	CA Coastal Commission
Hamad K. Hamad	CARB
Shannon Gordon	CDE
Christy Porter Humpert	CalRecycle
Ken Jenkins	California Water Service Company
Lesa Johnston	CA DFW
Carolyn Kolstad	USFWS
Christiane Maertens	NAAEE
Laurie Monserrat	OEHHA/CalWater
Judy Nottoli	CARB
Carolyn Schimandle	CA State Parks
Lesley Taylor	CDE
Ed Wong	CARB

On Phone:

Michelle Ramirez CA DWR

1. Check-in and Catch-up

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Agenda and Pass Around Sign-In Sheet
 - October minutes review & revision discussion
 - Minutes approved with revisions Annie will include.
- Action Items and notes from October 2014 meeting
 - Ed will provide “Becoming California” streaming video link from Annie to members (DONE).
 - Ed will provide Yolo Basin Foundation home page link from David to members (DONE).
 - Jessica will provide PDF copy of her CSTA presentation to members (DONE).
 - Ed will send packet of CARB handouts to Sandy, Carolyn, and Annie (DONE).

- Ed will forward Chris' NGSS links to members (DONE).
- Ed will survey members' tentative plans to attend Sept. 17, 2015, CEEIN trip to Pepperwood Preserve in Santa Rosa (DONE).
- Ed will contact Lana about CEEIN Handbook update for Nov. 20 meeting.

2. **Committee Reports and Discussion**

- Administration and Organization
 - October 2-4, 2015, CSTA Conference, Sacramento – Ed
 - 2015 CEEIN Host List – Ed is coordinating with Jessica at CSTA @ 2015 CEEIN strand.
- Communications and Outreach
 - Nothing to report
- Diversity, Leadership and Legislation
 - Nothing to report

3. **Implementing NGSS**

Chris Breazeale from Department of Education will lead a discussion of Next Generation Science Standards implementation.

- CEEIN members should send brief paragraph and 4-5 bullets to Chris on how program can help LEAs address NGSS. Include program lead contact. Get to Chris ASAP!
- Chris will e-mail document and description of what is needed to Ed by COB Friday, November 21, 2014.
- Ed will send to CEEIN members.
- Chris will investigate if State Board needs to approve Appendix updates.

4. **Water Education Initiative**

Christiane Maertens from the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) presented a new water education initiative in collaboration with Ken Jenkins and the California Water Service Company. Includes a kids website called [Calwater Town](#).

- Christiane will send Ed website information & links on [Cal Water program](#) by COB 11/21/14.
- Ed will forward information to CEEIN members.
- CEEIN members should send Christiane a note if you want materials to promote Cal Water program.

5. **What's New in Your World?**

Lesia Johnston (CA DFW) – Passed.

Carolyn Kolstad (USFWS) - Working on monarch butterfly program and looking for intern to support program. Attended California Naturalists conference in October and enjoyed the great scientific information presented. Very impressed!

Laurie Monserrat (CalWater/OEHHA) - Busy launching the CalWater program.

Christiane Maertens (NAAEE) – Urges CEEIN members to send her job and intern announcement. NAAEE's EE Jobs can help find interns and job applicants. The NAAEE conference will be in San Diego October 14 – 18, 2015.

Carolyn Schimandle (CA State Parks) - Is working on update of State Parks Litter Getters program. Updated program will be out in Spring 2016.

Brian Brown (Project WET) - Winding down year with last workshop occurring on December 13th. Will be attending NSTA conference in Long Beach as a participant.

Sandy Derby (Project Learning Tree) - PLT working with CalFire to hire a southern California PLT/California Naturalist Coordinator. Working on a 'See the Forest for the Trees' citizen science program for California PLT and is planning to use the best pictures of the year from the project to create and market a California PLT calendar.

Shannon Gordon (CDE) - Working to partner schools with non-formal and informal education programs in new position as CREEC Statewide Coordinator, which will be critical for CA NGSS implementation. Ed will get Shannon's information to add to CEEIN roster list.

Lesley Taylor (CDE) – Attended the Green California Schools Summit in Pasadena, where there was great interest in CEEIN brochures. There will be a Green California School Summit in Sacramento on April 7-8, 2015 with a school education strand. She is also working on the Environmental Literacy Task Force (ELTF). There was an ELTF listening session at the Green California Schools Summit and there will be one at the Long Beach NSTA conference.

Ed Wong (CARB) - Assisted with logistics at the California Naturalist conference in October. Is working with a south Sacramento school on zero emission vehicle engineering.

Chris Breazeale (CDE) - Will be at attending AEOE conference. Attended Change Scale NGSS session in the Bay Area. Training went well and great for non-formals. Another session is scheduled for February. Contact Nate Ivy – CREEC 4 Coordinator – for more information. Environmental Literacy Task Force draft recommendations will be presented in December. Will be providing review of existing Project WET draft NGSS correlations.

Judy Nottoli (CARB) – Received information on a March 7th teacher resource fair at Sacramento IMAX Faire. Will send IMAX flier to Brian to send out with notes. Working with River Cats to engage schools in a garden project at River Cats stadium.

Christy Porter Humpert (CalRecycle) – Wrapping up Fall EEI webinar series and working on Winter-Spring EEI webinar series focused on water, including with Project WET. Will be presenting at NSTA with California Science Center.

Annie Kohut Frankel (CA Coastal Commission) – Working on getting the word out on the Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. Will be presenting at NSTA in Long Beach. Attended the November ChangeScale NGSS event. Applied to present at Contra Costa STEAM Colloquium.

Hamad Hamad (CARB) - Just started at CARB after working at OEHHA.

Michelle Ramirez (CA DWR) - Working with Bruce Foreman on a video project on how drought affects wildlife and how water conservation by humans can help. Also working with Judy Culbertson at Ag in Classroom on the new 'What's Growing on?' insert.

6. Guest Speaker – Laura Drath, Wildlife Interpreter

Laura Drath from CA Fish and Wildlife gave an overview of CDFW R-2 [Interpretive Services](#) – with highlights of the [Classroom Aquarium Education Program](#). Discover this great program and how teachers and students are raising trout in the classroom.

7. Meeting Wrap-up

Action Items

- Ed will contact Lana about CEEIN Handbook update for Nov. 20 meeting. (Ed)
- Ed will get Shannon's information to add to CEEIN roster list (Ed)
- Coordinating CEEIN strand for CSTA conference. (Ed & Jessica)
- Action Item: Chris will e-mail document and description of what is needed to Ed by COB Friday, November 21, 2014. (Chris)
- Chris will investigate if State Board needs to approve Appendix updates. (Chris)
- Send Ed website information & links on program to send to CEEIN by COB 11/21/14 (Christiane)
- Will look at CEEIN.org and send changes to Annie. (Christiane)
- Send Christiane note if you want materials in program to promote. (All)
- Will send IMAX flier to Brian to send out with notes. (Judy)
- Annie will send link to Change Scale materials. (Annie)
- Minutes approved with revisions. (Annie)
- Check on Delta fish poster. (Laura & Lesa)

Next Meeting:

- January 15, 2015, Cal/EPA, Room 230
- Meeting Lead and Location Contact – Ed Wong
- Note Taker – Lana McAllister
- Guest Speaker – None. Meeting will focus on CEEIN projects for upcoming year.