

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting
MINUTES**



Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014
Location: Cal/EPA
Meeting Leader: Ed Wong
Note Taker: Anne Stephens

Present:

Brian Brown (Project WET)
Ma Caliolio (CEC Student Assistant)
Annie Kohut Frankel (CA Coastal Commission)
Christy Porter Humpert (CalRecycle)
Lesa Johnston (CDFW)
Lana McAllister (CEC)
Judy Nottoli (CARB)
Donna Pozzi (State Parks)
Michelle Robinson (DWR)
Anne Stephens (CDE)
Ed Wong (CARB)

Calling in:

Carolyn Kolstad, USFWS
Shaney Emerson, Ag in the Classroom
Christiane Maertens, NAAEE

1. Check – in and Catch –up

9:30-9:45 AM

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Agenda and Pass Around Sign-In Sheet
- Action Items from November 2013 meeting:
 - Ed follow-up with David Moore on Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area as a possible 2014 meeting location (DONE)
 - Ed follow-up with Sandy Derby on UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Office in Davis as possible 2014 meeting location (DONE)
 - Ed finalize 2014 CEEIN Host List (DONE)
 - Ed send October minutes to Nate Ivy for comment (DONE)
 - Ed send PDF copy of Lynn Campbell's presentation to CEEIN members (DONE)
 - Ed send extra presentation SNC packets to some CEEIN members not present (DONE)
 - Ed check with NSTA Coordinator on feasibility of CEEIN Strand workshops at December 4-6, 2014 conference in collaboration with CSTA (DONE)

- Ed check with Christy about CEEIN helping to get the word out on EEI programs.
- Annie send information on legislation authorizing check-off on CA tax forms for Anne to post in CREEC.
- Anne post the CA tax form check-off information on CREEC received from Annie.
- Anne send the link on the State Science Framework Focus Group Committee to CEEIN members (CLOSED)
- Anne contact Diane Dealey Neill, CA Forestry Challenge, about presenting at a future CEEIN meeting (DONE)
- Anne forward Donna's link to Clovis USD overview explaining Common Core to parents and a Stanford link explaining Common Core to CEEIN (DONE)
- Susan look into UCD John Muir Institute for Environment for possible CEEIN meeting.
- ALL: Should CEEIN participate in National Green Schools Conference in Sacramento, March 27-29, 2014? Anne will check with Jim McGrath about getting a table for CEEIN
- Approved Minutes from November 2013 meeting: Anne motioned to approve, Annie seconded.

2. Committee Reports and Discussion

9:45-10:05 AM

Administration and Organization:

- 2015 meeting locations. Donna will look into holding a meeting at the Railroad Museum in 2015
- Ed has not received anything back from Susan about holding a meeting at the UCD John Muir Institute- would be in 2015
- Lana was the last person on Admin. We need to re-establish committees

Communications and Outreach:

- Michelle-nothing to report.
- CEEIN Twitter: Annie has been tweeting – 47 followers. Thanks to Judy and Lori Monserrat for been contributing material
- Does CEEIN want to consider a Facebook page? Annie isn't willing to develop it at this point in time
- Anne and Annie will work on transferring CEEIN.org to Coastal Commission to streamline the posting of minutes and documents. Lana said that the Energy Commission might also be an option.

Diversity, Leadership and Legislation

- Annie Frankel: New Tax donation check off opportunity on the State Tax Form. Protect our coast and oceans fund: a \$1.00 minimum donation can be made \$250,000 must be earned each year to continue to be on the form. Anne promoted this in CREEC Newsletter

- Watching the Environmental License Plate Fund: this year there is 8 million dollar surplus. Advocates in the field are looking into how to get more of these funds allocated for environmental education.
- The process for developing the new California State Science Framework is now underway. The tentative timeline of events is located on the CDE web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/sc/cf/index.asp>

3. Guest Speaker – Jacobe Caditz

10:05-10:30 AM

Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Education and Outreach Program
Suzette Bienvenue is ill, so Jacobe is filling in.

Works on Special Projects

Energy and Technology Center: provides classes for business and community members. Suzette is the outreach person, works mostly with schools. Focuses on energy efficiency, but also addresses water and wind issues.

Teacher Workshops: SMUD offers many workshops throughout the year and partners with many agencies

Solar Workshop, March 1 2014 K-12 8am-3pm for teachers. Participants get a lot of great materials.

Solar Schoolhouse Camp. SMUD gives 5 scholarships (\$1400) for teachers. Get CSUS credit. Build solar panels, go on field trips.

Competitions: Youth Energy Summit Scholarship: April 25th 2014

Workshop for students in January 24 and 25, with "Guest Speaker" Plastic State of Mind Creator. Art themed event

Email Jacobe for a full agenda if you are interested in attending. Open to everyone in the SMUD service territory.

Theme: the art of going green: Students make art that illustrates important of going green. SMUD gave out \$22,000 in scholarships. 100 students participate. Work with Lodi Electric, Turlock Electric

Solar Car Race: with American River College: 200 students participate held in conjunction with the arts and technology festival each year. Held in conjunction with CARB and Sacramento Electric Vehicles Will be held May 2nd 2014. Registration closes at the end of February. Open to high school students.

Northern California Solar Regatta at Rancho Seco Recreational Area May 16 and 17. High schools and college students participate. Video is available on you tube (search under 2012 Northern California Solar Regatta.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dTGj9fE8dg>

Tiny House Decathlon. Students get a \$5,000 per team and materials. 500-600 square feet. High school and college students.

Support for local science programs: Science Olympiad, Science Fairs, Cardboard regatta

April 12: Home Energy Efficiency Expo
Solar Discovery Zone for Kids. Lots of events for kids. 12 page solar curriculum will be made available to educators.

Electricity Fair at the Historic Folsom Powerhouse in September. 2000 attendees. EV displays and powerhouse tours.

Solar sunflower-educational display for schoolyards where students can charge their phones and learn about solar. 100 will be handed out in the region.

Subject Matter Experts: Google SMUD ETC Classes.

High School Audit Training Initiated in 2012. Work force development training program. 38 students participated. They learn about energy efficiency and auditing for 1 week in the summer, then audit schools. SMUD gives them \$15,000 to implement the suggestions that they develop for their school site. Teachers and students get a stipend for participating.

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4. New Business

10:30-10:45 AM

Workshop proposals for 2014 NSTA Area Conference – Ed Wong
Annie submitted a workshop proposal Dec. 4-6 in Long Beach
Registration fee is too high- presenting
Carolyn USFWS is registered as a co-presenter with Cornell
Shaney submitted to do two workshops. Michelle might be able to cover the cost of the NSTA table (next fiscal year) so she can't get it approved until July.

CEEIN Procedural Handbook Revision – Ed Wong
Many changes over the last few years as to how we invite partners and also changes in memberships. The Handbook makes reference to the MOU that was drafted and submitted, but the MOU has been stalled at the administrative levels at CDE. So, should we amend the handbook? Donna provided some history about the development of the handbook. There was a time when CEEIN was having some conflict within the group and an outside facilitator was brought in to develop norms and processes, including the

development of the more formal procedural handbook. The facilitator was provided by the CA State Water Resources Control Boards. Donna motioned that we table the handbook issue for 6 months, and Lana seconded it.

Interested New Members:

Other agencies are very interested in joining CEEIN such as the Sacramento Army Corps of Engineers, the CDE After School Division, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Anne will look into having all of the CEEIN archives scanned and housed somewhere.

CEEIN Participation in Nat'l Green Schools Conference?- Ed Wong

Very expensive. Carolyn Kolstad might have a table, and we will check with Jim McGrath about the possibility of having a table. Brian, CREEC, and EEI are doing a pre conference workshop, Anne is organizing one of the field trips, as is Carolyn.

2014 Collaborative Projects – Ed Wong

- \$250,000 million coming for Linked Learning in K-12 and community colleges through the Career Pathways Trust. www.cde.ca.gov . Schools will be looking for community partners.

5. What's New In Your World

10:45-11:15 AM

Lana: has 2014 Energy Calendar. 2015 calendar contest is being announced soon and Anne will put in the CREEC Calendar. New leadership at the Energy Commission, so initiatives are being ramped up again.

Lesia- November 20 meeting will be at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery.

Project Wild – Continues to operate with one Program Aide and no coordinator. Aquatic WILD Guides are available and facilitators are still conducting Aquatic WILD workshops. WILD K-12 guides are on suspension until further notice.

Growing up WILD and Science & Civics: Sustaining Wildlife guides are also available.

Nature Bowl – CDFW is coordinating Nature Bowl in concert with partners. Coaches workshops are available – <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/2/naturebowl/>

Judy- Ed and Judy will be participating in the SMUD YES event. Judy sits on the STEM Community of Interest Group in the Sacramento Area (Kaiser, Intel, Quest). They have internships available. Judy will share info with us.

Eco Company- let Judy know about our upcoming events so that they can be featured on Eco Company

Brian –Is hosting a facilitator training in 2 weeks that is very full, and another workshop in Ventura that is full. USGS /WET workshop in May

Anne- Was appointed to US EPA National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEEAC) for the next three years, replacing Kay Antunez to represent California along with Angie Chen (formerly of Bechtel).

Michelle- DWR Climate Hawks- working on outreach and education and are interested in working with Michelle and Project WET. Anne, Brian, and Michelle are working with Army Corps of Engineers on their project related to flood safety

Annie-Kids Ocean Day end of May early June. Beach clean-up Deadline for Art and Poetry contest Whale Tail Grant selection is currently occurring. Announcement next month Tax check off will provide more funding for Whale Tail Grants

Christy- OEE has hired a new marketing manager: Kelly Kell from the Energy Commission (Information Officer). OEE will be offering 2 sessions at National Green Schools Conference. \$100 for preconference workshop
Winter EEI webinar series start today
Potential March speaker: Phil Romig to talk about NGSS?
Request from the Products Stewardship Council -approached OEE for ideas for how to put together materials for schools. Brian suggested that they talk to Sandy Derby at PLT Municipal Solid Waste Module

Donna:- 6 vacancies in her department Crystal Cove received a very large donation and is having a celebration next month showcasing stations. March 29.
Local fairs. 26 fairs will be holding contests related to the 150th anniversary of State Parks.

Ed: ARB will be participating in Youth Energy Summit. Would like to learn more about the Common Core Standards. Jessica Sawko, potential speaker. Christiane Maertens could also be a guest speaker to talk about NAAEE initiatives

6. Meeting Wrap-Up

11:15-11:30 AM

Clarify Action Items:

- Jacobe will send the agenda for the Youth Energy Summit to Ed for dissemination as well as the calendar of events.
- Anne will send an email to the National Green Schools committee inquiring if CEEIN can get a table to showcase our programs during the conference.
- Brian will submit approved minutes to Anne
- Ed is surveying CEEIN members for participation in NSTA-CSTA Conference in December 2014
- Agendize CEEIN Handbook for June (Anne is lead).
- Lana will email announcement about 2015 Calendar Contest to Anne
- Annie and Lana will check about hosting the CEEIN website.

- Christy will email EEI “tweet handle” to Annie

Next Meeting: February 20, 2014 at Water Education Foundation
Lead Host: Anne Stephens Guest Speaker: Diane Dealey Neill, California
Forestry Challenge.
Note Taker: Christy Porter Humpert
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