

DRAFT MEETING NOTES
California Environmental Education Interagency Network
Thursday, January 15, 2015 9:30-11:30 AM
Cal/EPA
1001 I Street, Room 230
Sacramento, CA 95814



Meeting Leader: Ed Wong

Note Taker: Lesley Taylor

Attendees:

Shannon Gordon	CDE
Natalie Hernandez	CARB
Christy Porter Humpert	CalRecycle
Susan Knadle	OEHHA (ret.)
Paul Penn	Cal/EPA
Michelle Ramirez	CA DWR
Lesley Taylor	CDE
Ed Wong	CARB

On Phone:

Carolyn Kolstad	USFWS
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1. Check-in and Catch-up

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Paul Penn welcomed back to CEEIN. A former member from 1994-1998. Now at Cal/EPA as Refinery Safety & Emergency Management Program Manager. Will conduct community meetings centered on refinery safety in March and other times. Although education efforts are focused mostly on adults, he'd like to include K-12 education outreach.
- Review Agenda and Pass Around Sign-In Sheet
 - Shannon's title is not Director, but CREEC Coordinator. Also informed members there is a differentiation between the California NGSS and national NGSS.
- Minutes and Action Items from November 2014 Meeting
 - Minutes were not approved because there was not a quorum.
 - Ed will contact Lana about CEEIN Handbook update (INCOMPLETE)
 - Ed will add Shannon's information on CEEIN Roster (DONE)
 - Ed will begin coordination of CEEIN Strand for October 2015 CSTA Conference (DONE)
 - Chris will send Ed a description of what is needed for the NGSS document (DONE)
 - Chis will investigate if State Board needs to approve Appendix updates (INCOMPLETE)
 - Christiane will send Ed Water Program web site and links (DONE)

- Christiane send changes on CEEIN.org to Annie (DONE)
- Interested members will ask Christiane for Water Program materials to promote (DONE)
- Judy will send IMAX Teacher Resource and Expo Fair flier to Brian for distribution with November 20 meeting minutes (DONE)
- Annie will send Change Scale link to members (DONE)
- Laura/Lesa will send information on the Delta fish posters (DONE). There are two posters that appear to be related. One is the “Fishes of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, California” produced by the Board of Reclamation (BOR), Mid-Pacific Region in Byron. The second is “Early Life Stages of California’s Salmon and Trout,” which was printed by the Dept. of Fish and Game with support from Sport Fish Restoration Act and BOR.

2. Committee Reports and Discussion

- Administration and Organization
 - Pepperwood Preserve (Santa Rosa), September 17, 2015 - Ed will coordinate a vanpool for meeting/bag lunch/tour. Arrangements will be finalized in July conference call with Adina and Preserve representative.
 - CEEIN Host List, Roster, Email List, General Guidance – Ed updated and shared documents with members. Emphasized importance of keeping them updated. General guidance lays out expectations for Location Contact, Meeting Lead, and Note Taker.
 - CEEIN Handbook – Revisions were made to 2011 version in July 2014. Ed is trying to track down this version. Lesley suggested cloud-based storage for CEEIN documents. Susan took July 2014 minutes and will check if she has detailed handbook changes.
 - MOU Update – Shannon provided Torlakson-signed MOU, will prepare transmittal memo to other signatories from SSPI and share with Michelle, Paul, and Christy. MOU recognizes CEEIN as an interagency partnership with the current administrations and will help in recruiting and sustaining CEEIN members.
- Communications and Outreach
 - January 24, 2015, SMUD Youth Energy Summit at Roseville Electric. Judy, Hamad Hamad, and Ed will participate.
 - February 20, 2015, Green Ribbon Schools Press Event in Los Angeles County – Lesley
 - April 7-8, 2015, Green California Summit at Sacramento Convention Center. Christy to solicit member participation if a Teacher Resource Day is planned.
 - April 22, 2015, Earth Day/Take Our Children to Work Day at Cal/EPA, in conjunction with City of Sacramento’s Earth Day celebration at Cesar Chavez Park. Ed soliciting CEEIN members for participation.
 - October 2-4, 2015, CSTA Conference, Sacramento – Workshop proposals are due February 15. Christy is submitting a proposal.
- Diversity, Leadership and Legislation

- Donna Pozzi, last founding CEEIN member, retired last year – Ed

3. Open Discussion

- Goals and Issues for 2015 and Beyond
 - Relying on each other with changing department programs, lacking positions.
 - Communication via Website, Twitter, Tabling. CREEC web site provides updates. Multi-region events should be posted as “statewide.” CDE maintains STEM and EE listservs.
 - More room for collaborative efforts.
 - Identify funding that might be sitting stagnant.
 - Consider the needs of the larger community.
 - Members need more information on CA NGSS. Christy to present ChangeLab activity at March meeting – *How is NGSS relevant to this group?*
- Participation and Responsibilities
 - Need more new members and participation from existing members.
 - All members have equal voice regardless of agency position.
 - Need to form a succession plan.

4. What’s New in Your World?

Carolyn Kolstad (USFWS) – Working with CDFW (Bruce Foreman) and the B Street Theater on the “What’s Fishy in the River” video, Part 2, which focuses on how drought affects wildlife. CDs of the video with a standards-aligned teacher packet are targeted for release in September 2015.

Lesley Taylor (CDE) – Working with the SWRCB on the Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS) grant program, to review the Education and Outreach component; will coordinate interested readers from the CEEIN group. Upcoming events include Green Ribbon press event (February 20), the Green Schools National Conference (March 4-7), and the Green California Summit (April 7-8).

Shannon Gordon (CDE) – Have a Statewide CREEC newsletter to help get word out on CEEIN events, but takes about two months for items to get approved. Web site has statewide and regional posting of events as well as distribution list. Although still grossly underfunded, the CDE EE Grant Program that funds the CREEC Network is still in operation but was affected by recent staff changes. The funding for the next year of the EE grant program is not expected to change (funding currently comes from the CDE General fund, Department of Water Resources, and Environmental License Plate Fund). Current Grant Awards are funded through June 30, 2016, and a Request for Applications is expected to be released in spring 2016.

Christy Porter Humpert (CalRecycle) – Four-part EEI webinar series on water begins January 22 (www.californiaeei.org/training/#webinars). First session will be facilitated by Brian Brown of Project WET and an EEI teacher ambassador.

EEI has revised its order policy so that teachers may request two units at a time before conducting a feedback survey and requesting additional units. EEI will be part of the provider fair at the Green California Summit. Will look through the 85 EEI units to see if there are any focused on oil spills for Paul Penn's program.

Susan Knadle (Retired OEHHA) – Teaching a class in environmental toxicology at UC Davis.

Michelle Ramirez (CA DWR) – DWR education and outreach program is transitioning with fewer positions. A prior position has gone to a ground water program public information officer and another position working with DWR visitor centers. Working with Project WET on school education. California Arts Council is presenting the Conservation Creativity Challenge Poster Contest on a water/drought theme. Deadline for submissions is March 15. More information at <http://arts.ca.gov/conservation/>.

Paul Penn (Cal/EPA) – Working on refinery safety and emergency management programs and connecting this work to EE and will work closely with CEEIN members.

Natalie Hernandez (CARB) – Available to provide assistance with Spanish translations.

Ed Wong (CARB) – Will participate at SMUD Youth Energy Summit with Judy and Hamad Hamad at Roseville Electric Utility on January 24.

7. **Meeting Wrap-up**

Action Items:

1. Update November 2014 minutes (Lesley)
2. Review potential use of Box.com for CEEIN documents (Ed, Annie, Lesley)
3. Prepare 20-minute CREEC presentation for February 19 meeting, PDF slides in advance (Shannon)
4. Develop NGSS activity for March 19 meeting (Christy)
5. Prepare transmittal memo to send MOU from SSPI to other signatories; share with Michelle, Paul, Christy (Shannon)
6. Check July 2014 minutes and for CEEIN Handbook detailed changes (Susan)

Next Meeting:

- February 19, 2015, Cal/EPA, Training Room 1
- Meeting Lead and Location Contact – Ed Wong
- Note Taker – Christy Porter Humpert
- Speakers – Shannon on CREEC outreach and CDE listservs and Lesley on Box.com for cloud-based storage.