

**CEEIN Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2013**



Participants:

Mike DeLasaux-UC Cooperative Extension
Brian Brown-Water Education Foundation
Donna Pozzi- California State parks
Judy Nottoli-Ombudsman' Office CalEPA
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Calling In:

Annie Kohut Frankel-Coastal Commission
Sylvie Lee-Coastal Commission
Lori Monserrat- OEHHA
Sharon Jang- US EPA

9:40: Ed convened the meeting

- I. Introductions
- II. Approve Minutes
 - September 2012- Donna motioned for approval, Lesa seconded
 - October 2012- Anne motioned for approval, Michelle seconded
 - November 2012- Michelle motioned for approval, Donna seconded
 - January 2013- Anne motioned for approval, Brian seconded
- III. Action items from January
 - Anne- Jason Morris (Nature Bridge, EE Collaborative) will be the guest speaker for the April meeting
 - Turtle Island Restoration group- May (Designated marine reptile)
 - October meeting date is officially changed to October 17th to avoid CSTA conference
 - Annie, Brian, Kathy Havert, Shaney Emerson submitted a proposal for CSTA in Palm Springs Donna may do PORTS, Anne may present on the Environmental Literacy Task Force. Send any proposals to Ed Wong.
 - Annie didn't receive anything for the CEEIN Calendar
 - Ed sent out host/note taker calendar to the new folks.
 - Brian got Mike DeLasaux to represent for PLT until a new

- Michelle sent out CEEIN brochures to Christy Porter Humpert
- IV. Committee Reports
- Communications- Michelle is still on communications committee
 - Legislation and Diversity- Anne is circulating the MOU through CDE, next will go Bryan Ehlers
- V. Whale Tail Grants Program- Annie and Sylvie Coastal Commission
Received 113 proposals
23 were funded in the categories of Youth, Adopt- a -Beach, General Public (lots of Citizen Science proposals, Whale Watching App being developed by University of Redlands, habitat restoration, etc). 3 grants given to Adopt-a-beach—Sonoma (Coast Walk), Santa Cruz, and SF Bay. Youth Programs all targeted underserved youth.
See Coast4you.org- link to Whale Tail grant reports.
- VI. Susan Knadle reported on work she is doing at UC Davis
UCD just hired a new professor in Environmental Toxicology who is interested in environmental education, esp. toxics on children.
- VII. April 18th CalEPA-take your child to work day
Ed is involved in many activities that day, so Shaney Emerson might be willing to host the meeting that day at her office in Natomas.
We are still trying to find a date when Carolyn Kolstad can host up at the new USFWS headquarters in Auburn.
- VIII. EEI updates
- RFA is going out to hire teachers to make correlations to the Common Core Standards and NGSS
 - Overhauling the EEI web site- There will be a spring email blitz to teachers through Agile, \$4980. Will provide 250,000 email addresses.
- IX. What's new in your world
- Michelle-Rick Parmer from East Bay regional parks (interpretation and recreation) is now with DWR helping with programs
 - Judy Nottoli- PEG Professional Engineers- *We've got the Power*- released this summer. Also looking for high school hosts for Eco Company TV show. SMUD-Energy 3-5 students break into teams "Greening Your Business" students compete to develop work plans. Students will present on April 26th on the steps of the Capitol.
 - Brian Project WET: Workshops are way up this year! Presentations with State Parks, CEEF Institute, CSUS and USGS Science Engineering Expo- careers in water on April 24.
 - Mike DeLasaux- is representing Cooperative Extension. Cooperative Extension is taking on the Project Learning Tree (PLT) Program. PLT Coordinator is currently being interviewed, hopefully hired by April. Kay Antunez is continuing to help with the transition. Mike suggested

the Cooperative Extension Headquarters as a possible location for future CEEIN meetings.

- Lesa- DFW in Communications, Education and Outreach. Standing in for Bobbi Winn. Project WILD is in a precarious position with one person left in that office (scientific aide). Lesa manages the archery program for PE teachers (2 week unit). Supplemental activities tied to the standards in science and math. Running the state virtual archery competition. Wildflower Tours- Table Mountain and Birding opportunities at Yolo Basin. State Scientist Day May 15th. Bear Aware Film Contest. Kiersten McIntire- new Education and Outreach Director
- Margaux-no updates
- Donna Pozzi- Summer Learning Program funded by Packard Foundation adding Butte County (Lake Oroville). Gearing up for the 150th Anniversary of the State Parks. Donna is putting together a marketing RFP.
- Annie is presenting at CalServe program after school program
- Art and poetry contest 2300 entries this year judging is occurring. Tsunami cleanups are launched. Every coastal county will be doing quarterly cleanups. Not a lot of debris right now, but this will be monitored. Berkeley Bay Festival and Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival.
- Sharon Jang- 70 applicants, 1 award will be given, announced later this month. Also announcing the Presidential Youth Awards soon. Youth EE program is still up in the air- won't know till March 30.

X. Action Items

- Anne will send out the committee lists to the group.
- Bryan Ehlers expressed an interest in being on Legislation and Diversity Committee-Becky Williams will confirm this with Bryan.
- Anne will send out the Eco Company Flier along with the CEEIN minutes.
- Brian will send out an email to CEEIN regarding the SMUD April 24
- Lisa will send Anne the Bear Aware Contest information and look into a trainer for Flying WILD program.
- Becky will send out request for Science Fair Judges

XI. GUEST SPEAKERS: Adina Merenlender, UC Cooperative Extension, Berkeley, Brook Gamble

UC California Naturalist Program

See Power point

Curriculum published by UC Press

30 States have a master naturalist program- California is a little bit of a late-comer due to the biodiversity, complexity of government, networks, and agencies.

Focus is on developing a new constituency "We cannot protect and restore California unique ecology without an environmentally literate, engaged public".

Elements:

University
Local Sponsors
Program Participants
Citizen Science
Outreach Education
Stewardship

Master Naturalist Program is focusing heavily on the local sponsors. There are 160 naturalists in the program to date. The program is part of of an National Science Foundation study with Santa Rosa JC, Pepperwood and the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum that is monitoring the collective impact of the program. Program Volunteer Portal: iNaturalist.org online naturalist notebook

Next Meeting: Anne lead, Christy is note taker.
2410 at Cal EPA- need escort March 21.