

## California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting



**Date:** April 18, 2012, 9:30-11:30 AM  
**Location:** Training Room 2 East & West, Cal/EPA, 1001 I Street, Sacramento  
**Call-in Phone Line:** (888) 282-9631 Passcode 48782  
**Meeting Leader:** Susan Knadle  
**Note Taker:** Anne Stephens

### In Attendance:

Susan Knadle-OEHHA  
Laurel Plummer OEHHA  
Donna Pozzi, State Parks  
Annie Kohut Frankel, Coastal Commission (call in)  
Anne Stephens, CDE  
Kay Antunez, CalFIRE  
Joyce Gutstein, John Muir Institute of the Environment, UC Davis (Presenter)

- 9:30 Welcome, Agenda review
- 9:30- 9:50 While waiting for people to arrive (there were delays due to Earth Day celebrations at Cal/EPA, Donna reviewed the role of CEEIN and its history. Harold Wood championed legislation to develop curriculum around John Muir- this legislation required state agency collaboration which resulted in the Compendia projects.
- 9:50 Action Item Update: none  
Minutes could not be approved due to lack of a quorum
- 9:55 Presentation by Joyce Gutstein: Science and Environment  
The John Muir Institute of the Environment (JMIE)-Mark Schwartz, Director Acts as an “umbrella” research unit for 10 centers and programs at UCE, including 200 faculty throughout the university.  
Its purpose is to improve the basis for decision making and to facilitate the exchange of information.  
Environmental Education programs at JMIE include:  
Center for Health and Environment  
Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC)  
Natural Reserve System  
Environmental Leaders  
Its approach is to create public impact via effective graduate student training and outreach, providing more career options and to create better communicators.  
  
It is doing this through a 3 quarter class entitled “Translating Research Beyond Academia”.  
Qtr. 1: Communicating to Youth and the Public  
Qtr. 2: Communicating Research to the Media  
Qtr. 3: Communicating to Policy and Decision Makers  
  
JMIE is also involved with community partnership projects  
Science Education Outreach Program- Martin Smith  
Community Development Graduate Group  
Citizen Science  
Master Naturalist Program at:

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UC Berkeley  
Pepperwood Preserve  
UC Santa Cruz  
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

Donna mentioned that State Parks and UC Irvine have a program in Anza Borrego State Park

Joyce Gutstein can be reached at: [jjgutstein@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jjgutstein@ucdavis.edu)

10:45

Committee Reports:

Administration - Kay

- Still missing a host for the June and July meetings
- CEEIN members will be participating in the Green Technology Conference tabling (Anne) – April 26-27, 2012. 26<sup>th</sup> – general environmental education in California info will be presented; 27<sup>th</sup> – CREEC coordinators work with OEE staff to do EEI breakouts.

Leadership, Legislation, Diversity –Anne

- Anne provided talking points to the CDE executive office for a meeting between Tom Torlakson, his staff, and Bay Area Foundations including Bechtel, Morgan Family foundation, and Pisces about funding the Blueprint for Environmental Literacy that was held on April 18. The next step is the development of a task force.

11:00

New Business:

none

11:20

Meeting Wrap-Up/Clarify Action Items

Anne will approach Dr. Heidi Ballard at UC Davis about speaking to CEEIN about her research on the Master Naturalist Programs

Donna Pozzi will host the June meeting and Kay Antunez will be notetaker.  
Amy Lethbridge from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will be our guest speaker.