

California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2015 9:30-11:30 AM
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
11641 Blocker Drive, Suite 110
Auburn, CA 95603



Meeting Leader: Carolyn Kolstad
Note Taker: Lesa Johnston

Attendees:

Sandy Derby	Project Learning Tree, UCANR
Linda Desai	Project WILD, Placer Nature Center
Annie Kohut Frankel	California Coastal Commission
Shannon Gordon	California Department of Education
Lesley Taylor	California Department of Education
Ed Wong	California Air Resources Board

On Phone:

Brian Brown	California Project WET
Brook Gamble	California Naturalist Program, UCANR
Susan Knadle	OEHHA retired; UCD Dept. of Environmental Toxicology
Lori Monserrat	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Time

- 1. Check-in and Catch-up 9:30-9:40 AM**
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - No additions to Agenda made; Sign-up Sheet passed around
 - Minutes April 2015 Meeting were approved.
 - Action Items from April 2015 meeting:
 - Brian sent link to website for dates of rollout of NGSS - DONE
 - Brian is going to forward Box invites to Linda and cc Lesley and let her know about box.com "edit" issues. DONE
 - Linda is going to check with Carol Singleton to see if the CA Project Wild workshop schedule can be posted on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website, and link was shared with CEEIN – www.wildlife.ca.gov/learning/project-wild - DONE
- 2. Committee Reports and Discussion 9:40-10:00 AM**
 - Administration and Organization
 - Lesley recommends that agencies check with their own IT units for trouble shooting "Box" issues.
 - Lesley will continue to maintain CEEIN Documents on "Box"
 - Lesley will work on tutorial (web based versions)
 - Ed will update procedural handbook
 - Shannon working on resolving CREEC website issues

- Communications and Outreach
 - October 2-4 CSTA Conference workshop approvals – Inform Ed
 - May 29, San Francisco, Green Ribbon School Recognition – Lesley has CEEIN Brochure if needed
 - STEM Symposium – CEEIN may be allowed space (October 29-30), deadline in June - Shannon
- Diversity, Leadership and Legislation
 - Stone bill update –AMENDED – CEEIN is mentioned; still working on adequate funding; cap and trade money discussion; opposition is money. Standards-based curriculum is requirement in bill language.

3. **Guest Speaker: Nature's Voices Project**

10:00-10:30 AM

Susan Silber and Deborah Moore

The Nature's Voices Project is an initiative that honors and amplifies the voices of young people inspired by environmental education. The power of student stories is used to build greater support for green schools and environmental education programs. The story bank website and community platforms to support youth in SPEAKING UP to share their stories and testimonials about how environmental education programs have impacted them; and showcase their work as environmental thought leaders, activists and solutionaries. Please consider submitting your students' own inspirational stories (video, writing) about your program to [the Nature's Voices website](#). You can also check out the standards-based [lesson plans](#), which make a crucial link between Language Arts and hands-on environmental education programs, by asking students to reflect upon, then write about and publish their narrative or expository writing.

Link to Power Point presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B305Yf9O PHbSklyTDRWMTBvbTQ/edit>

Q&A:

- [Detention or ECO Club TED Talk](#)
- Looking for stories
- Will email CEEIN

4. **What's New in Your World**

11:00-11:25 AM

Brook Gamble (CA Naturalist Program) – Have new staff member, Shana Foreman. Davis Academic Coordinator, July 10.

Susan (OEHHA Retired) – Participated in Career Day.

Carolyn Kolstad (USFWS) - Attended Houston Urban Habitat Conference, prairie habitat created at a hospital, found to sooth cancer patients. School yard training, seven coordinators, and Shannon Gordon was guest speaker.

Linda Desai (Project WILD) – Project WILD in infancy and no trends to report yet.

Lesley Taylor (CDE) – Year 5 for Green Ribbon list of schools; July 16 CEEIN meeting will tentatively be conducted off-site by CDE.

Shannon Gordon (CDE) – May is busy with lots of STEM activities. Environmental Blue Print for Environmental Literacy task force will be final soon with roll out in fall. Some recommendations in the blue print will need to be implemented by external partners, for example changes made to requirements for preservice teachers and teacher credentialing is under the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Deborah Moore (Green Schools) - Thrust of blueprint is fundamental to a 21st century education, not extra.

Ed Wong (CARB) – 2015 Cal/EPA Earth Day event was successful. Will be in touch with members for 2016 Earth Day. Will work on Sept. 17 CEEIN meeting and tour at Pepperwood Preserve, Santa Rosa. Trying to get CEEIN member Tony Vasquez of the CA Conservation Corps and two of their recruits to be guest speakers at Oct. 15 meeting at Cal/EPA.

Sandy Derby (PLT) - Project Learning Tree's Annual State Coordinators Conference will take place in New York on June 4-8. Citizen's Science Project, see the Forest for the Trees, stories added to Nature's Voice.

Lesa Johnston (CDFW) - State Scientist Day successful. Reaching out to CEEIN in terms of ideas for environmental activities that can be effective but serve large numbers of students quickly. Possible guest speaker at November meeting in which CDFW is hosting – Education Specialist from Elkhorn Slough.

Annie Kohut Frankel (CA Coastal Commission) - Kid's Ocean Day, Dockweiler Beach Cleanup held in Los Angeles.

5. Meeting Wrap-Up

11:25-11:30 AM

Action Items:

- Shannon will send registration information to CEEIN about the upcoming STEM Symposium.
- Shannon will send CEEIN summary of Stone Bill update and amendment
- Linda will send CEEIN link to Project Wild Calendar – Done

Next Meeting:

- June 18, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Davis
- Meeting Lead and Location Contact – Sandra Derby
- Note Taker – Michelle Ramirez