

California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting
Minutes



Date: Thursday, June 19, 2014 9:30-11:30 AM
Location: Cal/EPA
Room 230
Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Leader: Anne Stephens (Cell 530-828-1534)
Note Taker: Susan Knadle

Attendees:

Annie Kohut Frankel	Coastal Commission
Christy Porter Humpert	CalRecycle
Anne Stephens	Calif. Dept of Education
Ed Wong	California Air Resources Board
Lesa Johnson	California Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Donna Pozzi	California State Parks
Susan Knadle	OEHHA, retired; UCD lecturer

On Phone: Brook Gamble California Master Naturalists

AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. <u>Check-in and Catch-up</u>	9:30-9:40 AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and Introductions• Review Agenda and Pass Around Sign-In Sheet• Minutes from May 15 meeting were postponed until next meeting• Action Items from May 2014 meeting	

What's New In Your World

Annie Kohut Frankel: The Coastal Commission Photography Contest is underway. People can enter through July 18 and the public can vote for all your favorites through August 1. The contest is a partnership between the California Coastal Commission and the [Thank You Ocean Campaign](#) and it is held on the [mycoastalphoto.com](#) website.

Artwork and poems from the children's Art and Poetry Contest for 2014 have been exhibited at Point Reyes National Seashore and are now going to Mendocino. The poetry and artwork winners every year are exhibited in different venues throughout California and used in Coastal Commission publications.

Annie has taken over the CEEIN website and everyone thinks it is great!

Donna Pozzi: To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the California State Parks in 2014, a "challenge" was issued to create a quilt depicting a California State Park. The special exhibit titled "Celebrating California's State Parks" consists of 56 quilts made by

56 quilters to celebrate and showcase the diversity and beauty of the 278 various state park units in the state. An additional quilt depicts a replica of the California State Park's 150th anniversary poster.

The special exhibit will travel to State Fairs for two years after being exhibited at Shasta State Historic Park in December, at Ide Adobe State Historic Park during Ide Adobe Days, Bidwell Mansion, and at the Stanford Mansion at the Leland Stanford State Historic Park in downtown Sacramento. Additional quilts can be submitted for an on line quilt show by September 12, 2014..

Donna and colleagues are also updating educational materials for California State Parks so they reflect Common Core standards. They will work on making them NGSS compatible in the future.

Christy Porter Humpert: EEI staff has completed correlation of Common Core Standards to EEI curricula and are finalizing NGSS documents for teachers. The Teacher-Ambassador Training (retreat unofficially) will be held at Old Folsom, Lake Natomas Inn July 29-31. They will train 16-20 new teacher ambassadors. Non-profit Ten Strands pays for teachers. Teacher ambassadors are spread out throughout the State plus two ambassadors will be from CREEC - one from Northern CA and one from Southern CA.

Training on the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) Curriculum is available on demand via archived webinars at <http://www.californiaeei.org/Training/Webinars/default.htm>. Teachers can receive a hardcopy class set of a unit for each webinar they view.. There are also several training opportunities that can be found at <http://www.californiaeei.org/Training/>.

Lesla Johnson: DFW has hired Clark Blanchard to oversee the education and outreach part of DFW and he will report to the Director.

Heidi Buell left and they filled the Project Wild scientific aid position with Sarah Guerere. She will work filling orders for Project Wild guides.

Lesla will be working on the Operations Manual to provide guidelines on how to create good educational programs and this information on guides was provided by CEEIN members - NAAEE has guidance on excellence in environmental education materials and the rubrics of CEEIN's Compendia may be useful, although the Compendia are outdated.

Anne Stephens: Chico Creek Park will train college students to do Project Wild. The Environmental Literacy Task Force committee will have working sessions of 42 people to create draft and listening sessions for public . CEEIN members are asked to tell Anne of anything they think is important for the committee to know.

There is a Center for Math and Science in Chico to create STEM activities..

On June 13-15 and November 4, 2014, a training opportunity called [Floodplains and Delta Ecology Institute Professional Development Opportunity](#) will be available at

Wentworth Education Center, Stockton, CA. The Floodplains and Delta Ecology Institute pairs a day-long tour through the Delta with EEI curriculum and Project WET to offer meaningful activities and interesting content learning for teachers. A \$200 stipend and one unit of credit are available.

Phil LaFontaine is retiring but he will continue work on NGSS.

An Acting Division Director is being sought to oversee the activities of Anne's STEM group in CDE.

Anne has accepted a tenure track position at Chico State in the College of Natural Sciences starting in August. This is a CREEC hub. She will write a white paper to funnel grant money for environmental education to hire an outside Statewide coordinator to replace her in-house activities.

2. Committee Reports and reorganization of Committees 9:40-10:40 AM

The CEEIN Handbook contains a proposed reorganization of the committees, as the previous committee organization seems to have become outdated. This will be discussed further.

3. Discussion: housing the CEEIN Archives 10:40- 10:55

Anne discussed the need to better archive historic CEEIN information to keep it from being destroyed. Donna Pozzi will see if the 4 boxes can go to the State Parks Archive, rather than the CDE Archives. The Environmental Literacy Task Force has voiced an interest in saving the archives

4. Discussion on word changes in the CEEIN Handbook began at 11:00, but a fire alarm requiring evacuation of the entire Cal/EPA building interrupted and then ended the meeting.

5. Action Items

- Anne will create a provider account so CEEIN presentations can be posted for CEEIN members to see.
- Changes in Committees and the CEEIN Handbook need to be discussed further.