

California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2015 9:30-11:30 AM
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
430 G Street
Davis, CA 95616



Location Host: Christine Chavez
Meeting Leader: Sandy Derby
Note Taker: Michelle Robinson

Attendees:

Hannah Bird	Hopland Research and Extension Center
Brook Gamble	UC California Naturalist Program
Christine Chavez	NRCS-USDA
Michelle Robinson	CA DWR
Shannon Gordon	CA CDE
Carolyn Schimandle	CA State Parks
Sandy Derby	CA Project Learning Tree
Susan Knadle	OEHHA, retired, UC Davis, Dept. of Toxicology
Lesley Taylor	CDE – Green Ribbon Schools
Lesa Johnston	CDFW
Anne Schellman	UCANR
Karey Windbiel-Rojas	UCANR

On Phone:

Annie Kohut Frankel California Coastal Commission

Minutes

Item	Time
1. <u>Check-in and Catch-up</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introductions • Review Agenda and Pass Around Sign-In Sheet • Review Minutes and Action Items from May 2015 Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shannon had updates to May minutes under “what’s new in your world”. Annie noted changes. Approval of minutes postponed until July due to no quorum. ○ Notetaker should announce when minutes are posted in box for others to review for edits. • Shannon will send registration information to CEEIN about the upcoming STEM Symposium in Anaheim. DONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shannon also noted that an extension for registration was offered. ○ CEEIN table offered for sharefare on Thursday. CA Coastal Commission may be able to help staff this table. ○ CA Green Schools Summit is also the same dates in Pasadena. 	9:30-9:45 AM

- Shannon will send CEEIN summary of Stone Bill update and amendment. DONE
 - Bill amended again on June 1. Was not significant amendments, CEEIN still mentioned as an advisory group on the grant program. CA Outdoors School Foundation supporting the bill (not affiliated with the CDE, just a partner of the Department).
- Linda will send CEEIN link to Project Wild Calendar – DONE
www.wildlife.ca.gov/Learning/Project-WILD

Recent emails

- Reminder to all- check out your links on the CEEIN website at www.ceein.org
- Thank you from Natures Voices- submit stories and become a partner (email 5/26 from Carolyn Kolstad)

Important Links:

Nature's Voices Project -- <http://www.naturesvoices.org>
 Green Schools Initiative -- <http://www.greenschools.net>

2. Committee Reports and Discussion

9:45-10:30 AM

- Administration and Organization
 - Lesley working on a box.com manual for CEEIN.
- Communications and Outreach
 - Annie – any updates to ceein.org need to go to her. She urges everyone to send content. Please check your respective links.
 - Annie – 365 CEEIN Twitter followers.
 - Annie for Ed - 6 of 7 CSTA CEEIN strand workshops approved.
 - Lesley – tabled CEEIN materials at the CA schools recognition event at end of May in Sacramento, San Diego, & San Francisco. All materials well received. Will also take them to targeted outreach events in Orange County.
- Diversity, Leadership and Legislation
 - Shannon – Blueprint for Environmental Literacy:
 - Developed throughout 2014
 - Will be presented to the state superintendent before end of June. Final copy will first go out to the task force.
 - It wasn't completely organized by the CDE.
 - Blueprint is focused on all levels, K- gray.
 - It will need partnering with the CDE, other agencies, and all stakeholders throughout the state.
 - There will be lots of side meetings throughout the summer to determine what we have done so far as a state, where we can go in a year, and in three years.
 - Press event in Fall to release to public and highlight 1 & 3 year possibilities.
 - No public comment period on draft, because it was meant to be recommendations of the task force who were supposed

to get feedback from their respective regions/organizations throughout 2014.

- Informal educators represented as well as formal educators.
- Final document will explain overall process.
- Proposals to present the blueprint accepted at events like NAAEE.
- Similar plan attempted in 2007, but did not have “teeth”.
- Any questions can be directed to Shannon Gordon.

3. Guest Speaker: UC ANR RECs 10:30-11:00 AM
Presentation by Lisa Fisher,
Associate Director, ANR Research and Extension Center System
Hannah Bird,
Community Educator, Hopland Research & Extension Center

UC ANR Research and Extension Centers- A partnering force for amazing connections, workshops, and community support of Environmental Education.

The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Division operates nine Research and Extension Centers (RECs) throughout the state. Extending from the Oregon border in the north, through the Sierra Foothills and Central Valley, along the Pacific Coast and south to the Mexican border, the REC System (RECS) covers rich and unique resources connecting research and extension activities to regional challenges and issues.

The REC system is a strong, vibrant organization of research and education academics supported by extraordinary research management capacity to conduct agriculture, natural resource and human resource programs that enable the delivery of the highest quality science to promote healthy citizens and thriving communities.

<http://reccs.ucanr.edu/>

4. What's New in Your World 11:00-11:25 AM

Lesley Taylor (CDE) – Year 5 of the Green Ribbon Schools Program. Letter of interest process for application distribution. Any schools are welcome to apply. CEEIN member agency welcome to assist with review.

Carolyn Schimandle (CA State Parks) – Will be working on transformation team for next 6 months, reorganization process.

Sandy Derby (CA PLT) – recently attended Annual State Coordinators Conference. It went well.

Brook Gamble (UC California Naturalist Program) – Southern California Mountains Program now onboard. Calaveras Big Trees program (with state parks) also on board. Yosemite Institute at UC Merced. Hiring an academic coordinator based at UCANR – will send out info to group.

Annie Kuhut Frankel (CA Coastal Commission) – California Coastal Commission just finished awarding whale tale grants; \$754K, 36 educational projects. Press release on website. Kids Ocean Day, photos emailed to CEEIN from the 6 locations (multiple days) – Humboldt, San Francisco, Orange County, Los Angeles, San Diego. Art and Poetry Contest exhibit heading up to Mendocino Ford House Museum July-August.

Michelle Robinson (CA DWR) – Gearing up for 2015 state fair, exhibits will be the same as in 2014 – Outdoor water efficient gardens and indoor water saving tips. In the middle of the 2015 Floodplain Ecology Teacher Institutes (4 sites – Stockton, Fresno, West Sac, Chico) and Climate Change Project WET Workshops.

Susan Knadle (Retired OEHHA, UC Davis Toxicology) – Attended OEHHA Climate Change workshop this week. Met a teacher looking for information on Climate Change focused curriculum.

Lesla Johnston (CDFW) – Asked to develop DFW procedures to create lesson plans and supplemental materials. Looking for help, examples, resource materials, etc.

5. Meeting Wrap-Up

11:25-11:30 AM

Action Items:

- Future CEEIN presentation on Blueprint for Environmental Literacy (Fall?)
- Ask Ed to give us more information about how committees are meant to function/meet independently. What should we be doing?
- Sandy Derby will e-mail Powerpoint presentation

Next Meeting:

- July 16, 2015 at Soil Born Farms, Rancho Cordova
- Meeting Lead and Location Contact – Shannon Gordon
- Note Taker – Annie Kohut Frankel