

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)
Meeting Minutes**



Date: June 15, 2017
9:30–11:30 AM

Location: California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Leader: Shannon Gordon
Note Taker: Janet Mann

Attendees in-person:

Shannon Gordon	California Department of Education (CDE)
Lesley Taylor	CDE
Janet Mann	CDE
Christy Porter Humpert	CalRecycle – EEI
Gregory Ira	UC ANR – California Naturalist Program
Cindy Pridmore	California Geological Survey, Department of Conservation
Annie Kohut Frankel	California Coastal Commission
Laura Drath	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Heather Holm	California State Parks
Susan Knadle	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Sandy Derby	UC ANR – Project Learning Tree
DeAnn Tenhunfeld	California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Attendees on the phone:

Kathy Schultz Department of Water Resources

1. Meeting called to order at 9:37 a.m.

- Welcome and Introductions (we have quorum)

2. Reviewed Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from May 2017; Motion to approve: Shannon Gordon made first motion, Laura Drath made second motion. Motion approved.

3. Reviewed Action Items from May 2017 meeting

- Heather – Drafts of the three layouts of bookmarks were passed around, but they are not yet in Box.com, the licensing for the photos is still in progress.
- Annie – changed email address for Susan and uploaded new roster to Box.com, however, Ed Wong will be adding to the list, so there will be another new list soon.
 - i. Discussion about where personal email addresses should be made public on the list. Proposal that only agency members with agency emails could be on the list and remove all contact for partner organizations so that there is consistency on the list.
- Ed Wong edited sample meeting minutes template so this action item was completed.

4. Committee Reports and Discussion

Leadership and Legislation Committee Update:

Updates on Proposed Legislation related to Environmental Education

- See notes in last month's minutes. Shannon posted documents in Box with link to get up-to-date bills so interested parties can keep up on their own.
- AB 1354 – is considered a cleanup bill due to new Local Control Funding Formula. Some proposed legislation to be removed does not seem to make sense. Ex. there is language to CDE's authority to give grants for environmental education.
- SB 424 – “CREEC bill” link in Box takes you to most up to date version. No appropriation language in bill anymore. This bill would put the CREEC Network as program in education code.
 - For the most recent information, please visit this webpage to compare previous versions with the most recent version of the bill.
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billVersionsCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB424
 - Use this link to see where the bill is in the legislative process
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB424
- 2017-18 budget bill AB 97 mentions CREEC network.
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB97, re-appropriation item: 6100-488 Provision 6.
- Janet mentioned service learning model curriculum bill AB 189:
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB189

Administration and Organization Committee

- Lesley gave update.
- In regards to the MOU – Ed and Paul Penn have not met. They will meet after June 19th.
- Templates have been updated to Box in A&O Committee folder. It is guidance and a uniform starting point.
- Discussion around draft minutes and how to manage so they can be read immediately versus seeing the draft within 7 days. It was brought up whether it was possible to send the draft minutes to those at meeting before they go out to everyone. Attendees would update before draft goes to all.
- Question at hand is should people at meeting see draft before CEEIN meeting draft goes out to all.

- However, if Note taker to finish in one week and participants send info to note taker to edit, this could be overwhelming to note taker.
- Shannon Gordon suggested to leave place-holders in the notes (topics discussed) to be later filled in by the person speaking so that the person speaking is not misquoted.
- Lesley Taylor suggested that note taker emails draft to A&O Chair, Chair can send to meeting attendees before goes to full CEEIN. This would put onus on A&O committee and lessens burden on note taker. People with updates and action item reports could submit written pieces of what they wanted to report so the information was in the minutes before the meeting started. Members could preface with, "I will submit for the minutes," even though there may be some discussion at meeting.
- This will become action item to think about answer before July meeting.

Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships Committee

Report on upcoming conferences:

- Janet Mann stated that the California Council for Social Studies is March 23-25, 2018 in San Diego. Sessions on Environmental Justice are encouraged.
<http://www.ccss.org/page-1861118> Janet will contact CCSS to get more information to help CEEIN members think about what they could present on environmental justice.
- Janet Mann suggested California League of Schools: *Exploring and Applying Personalized Learning*; December 8-10, 2017, San Diego, CA.
<http://www.leagueofschools.org/events/southcall4.htm>
- DeAnn Tenhunfeld told the group that California Ag in the Classroom has their conference in Visalia, July 14-15, 2017. CEEIN members can participate by using the make and take tables and there are also exhibit tables available for Friday. Currently only 75 teachers have signed up, so please advertise to your networks.
- CAOE just set dates for this year's conferences. Northern conference is October 20-22, 2017 in Sonora and the Southern conference is November 3-5, 2017 at Mountain Station.
- Lesley Taylor talked about the Green California School Summit: *Innovative Facilities, Students Engagement, Environmental Literacy*, November 28–29, 2017 in Pasadena. Lesley is on the advisory board, so contact her if you have interest. Educators are not the primary/single audience for the conference, so maybe there can be a pre-day conference for teachers on November 27, 2017.
- Annie Kohut Frankel is waiting for CSTA session approvals and is looking ahead to next year for Environmental Literacy strands and how CEEIN can help get more EL in the conference. No updates on STEAM. The application deadline has passed.
- Bookmarks are ongoing, but State Parks should be thanked for their work done on this. Shannon Gordon mentioned that some of the CREEC Coordinators want more CEEIN brochures and she let them know that something else was being produced in lieu of the brochures.

- If there are any changes to links on the CEEIN Web site for member organizations, please let Annie Kohut Frankel know.

5. New Business and Important Announcement:

- CEEIN Representative Anniversaries. Should this be added to the handbook? This will be further discussed at the next meeting. Greg Ira stated that dedicated and sustained commitment to the CEEIN mission is really important. Susan Knadle was recognized for her nearly 23 years on CEEIN.
- July 8th, 2017 is CEEIN's 25th birthday. Lesley Taylor found in CEEIN historical documents. There will be tweets ready for agencies to send out. One suggestion was, "CEEIN meeting = Favorite Day of the Month!"
- Discussion on CalEnviroScreen and a suggestion that CEEIN partner with Tom Herman in the California Geographic Alliance. CDE does not have any one person tasked with GIS, it is used department wide. Heather Holm brought up the topic of story maps.
- Cindy Pridmore stated that there is a portal on their department Web site to a GIS map and information, and are looking to make a similar portal or make the current portal more teacher friendly. There is a new Department of Conservation Web site.
- Greg Ira stated that the Regional Rendezvous for the California Naturalist Program is Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Pepperwood Preserve in Santa Rosa. Open to all but marketed to naturalists.
- Shannon Gordon stated that the CREEC Network had a meeting last weekend. They were able to get together due to the funding secured by Ten Strands for the Environmental Literacy Steering Committee. Update on CREEC Region 4, Nate Ivy, is going back to the classroom. He will be a field ally, but Dawn O'Connor will be next Region 4 CREEC Coordinator. She mentioned the CREEC Network is evolving and having someone like Dawn O'Connor in the CREEC Network matches the ideas being discussed in the Environmental Literacy Steering Committee's work to re-envision the CREEC Network.
- There is a CREEC network pilot project. Grant to have money for leadership retreat and PLT. Hope it will be a continued budget line with CalFire's annual operating budget.
- Annie Kohut Frankel stated that the Amateur Ocean and Coastal Photography Contest entry deadline is July 20. Visit mycoastalphoto.com for details.

Action Items for this meeting:

- Shannon will put legislative link to AB97 and AB189 into Box.
- Janet will link AB 189, service learning in the minutes.
- The bookmark photos will be uploaded into Box

- All members notify Ed Wong if you want your email removed from roster after the July meeting.
- All members think about how you want the draft minutes. See A&O Committee information above for discussion.
- Janet will upload HSS Framework Key Theme Six into Box.

Presentation

- Janet Mann presented about the History–Social Science Framework’s connection to the Environmental Principles and Concepts and to the EEI Curriculum. The PowerPoint with active links can be found in Box.
- The Framework’s Appendix has Key Theme Six is *Science, Technology, and the Environment*. This will be uploaded in Box.
- California Council for the Social Studies annual conference is Tearing Down Walls and they would like to have some session presentations on Environmental Justice (see Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships for conference link.)

What's New in Your World

Laura Drath - printed Lower American River Explorer's Passport, featuring Nimbus Hatchery, ARPF, Effie Yeaw, Folsom Lake SRA, Camp Pollock, Soil Born Farms, and Sacramento County Parks, to encourage kids and families to get out into the Parkway repeatedly. Reviewing applications for three new scientific aides to work at Nimbus this fall. Working with Lesa and other CDFW staff on an outreach booth for the Sacramento Reptile Show promoting native reptiles and discouraging the release of pets into the wild. For those who may know him, Joe Ferreira, long time coordinator of the Fishing in the City program in our region, is retiring July 6.

Heather Holm - In May we shipped out Junior Ranger and Litter Getter supplies to 90 state parks for summer programs. Junior Rangers is geared toward children ages 7-12. Both programs really promote a conservation and park stewardship message. State Parks will have an exhibit area July 21-25 at the State Fair in which we will be highlighting boating and off-roading safety, Tread Lightly, Boating and Waterway’s Clean and Green campaign, as well as natural and cultural resource hands-on activities. We will be doing live broadcasts at the PORTS booth with interpreters in various parks. Boating and Waterway’s and our State Parks Pass Office will be also be providing information on the new boating licenses and park pass exchange program.

<CEEIN Members and Partners insert your updates here>

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Next Meeting Date: July 20, 2017
 Time: 9:30-11:30am (optional tour after meeting adjourns)
 Location: Sacramento Zoo
 Location Contact: Lesa Johnston
 Meeting Lead: Lesa Johnston
 Call-in Telephone Number:
 Note taker: Shannon Gordon

