



Date: July 19, 2012
Location: CalEPA Room 230
Meeting Leader: Donna Pozzi
Note Taker: Ingrid van Dijk

Attendance:

Donna Pozzi, Parks
Michelle Robinson, DWR
Nina Gordon, Parks
Jacqueline Moore, ARB
Bobbie Winn, DFG
Judy Nottoli, ARB
Susan Knadle, retired OEHHA
Anne Stephens, CDE
Ed Wong, ARB
Ingrid van Dijk, Parks

By phone:

Kay Antunez, Cal Fire
Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission

Minutes:

June 2012 minutes were approved without corrections or comments. They will be sent to Anne to post.

Review of Action Items from June Meeting:

Nina sent out link to recreation page.

'White paper' discussing the value of CEEIN to agency members has not been written yet. Anne did a draft and sent it around her office, will send it to Annie. Annie will send a reminder to get moving on this project.

2013 CEEIN host list developed and passed around the group for sign-ups.

NAAEE registration is going slow, cost still prohibitive for many potential participants. There is a special two-day K-12 teacher package for \$375 for Friday and Saturday.

Committee Reports:

Administration Committee

CEEIN Roster list sent around to have members check for accuracy and make corrections as needed. Kay will send out the committee list to be updated. Everyone should join at least one committee.

Communication and Outreach

Ed sent out CSTA strand.

Events calendar has fallen behind and the question was asked whether the group felt it was worthwhile to continue with it. Consensus was that it is so Annie will get it updated.

Legislation and Diversity

Lara bill re-introduced, regarding illegality of charging students for required activities. The bill, AB1575, can be accessed at leginfo.gov.

Kay - there will be a meeting in late summer or the fall about the blueprint for environmental literacy to get something developed before the NAAEE conference so there will be something to announce. She will participate in a conference call soon and hopefully will get more info.

Chistianne Maartens has left Disney and is now working for NAAEE. Donna is interested in getting her to join CEEIN.

Bryan hasn't yet shared the information about the Pavley bill.

Guest Speaker:

Nina Gordon, Senior Policy Advisor, California State Parks

Nina explained what the National Summer Learning Association is all about, sharing their vision and mission. Their focus is on underserved elementary school children. Studies have shown the need for stimulus and learning in the summer to cut down on the achievement gap that takes place during the

summer break. This type of program also helps working families, provides something productive for the children to do.

Question was asked about how this would fit into year-round schools. Many year-round schools are shifting back to the traditional schedule for whatever reasons. Nina doesn't know of a study to compare the year-round vs. the traditional schedule students as to the severity of the achievement gap. The effect is cumulative over time which is why it is important to do the program when they are younger.

Another positive aspect of the summer learning program is the benefits to the health of the children. Keeping them active made them less likely to gain as much weight than if they sat around and were generally less active most of the summer.

Elements of success

- Smaller class sizes
- Working with parents from the very beginning (helps relieve their suspicions)
- Provide transportation
- Provide food
- Camp-like atmosphere

Outcomes

- Greater self-confidence in the children
- Enjoyment of learning
- Greater comprehension of environmental impacts
- Love outdoor trips

Currently have programs in Gilroy, San Francisco, Oakland, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Whittier, and Santa Ana. Next year should also bring Tehama County on board.

Packard Foundation hires consultants to determine which schools will benefit from their grants. They look for schools that already have some afterschool programs. The foundation picks a theme to build on and the parks programs are developed using that theme. Parks was favored by the grants largely due to our emphasis on the benefit of learning through outdoor experiences.

Organizations and Links:

- Summerlearning.org/SLD
- Making Summer Count
- National Summer Learning Association

Discussion followed addressing the needs of teens. Some programs use teens as mentors for younger children, often helping those communities out a lot. Structured programs are needed, especially at inner city schools, parents need to be involved. Boys and Girls Clubs play an important role.

Nina agreed to share her power point and also the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights information.

What's new in your world:

Annie:

- Photo contest w/Thank You Ocean, voting has started for the public favorite, also being judged by a panel for prizes. Mycoastalphoto.org
- Free workshop in Watsonville in cooperation with the Elkhorn Slough Foundation for a community habitat restoration project
- Clean-up coordination for dealing with the tsunami flotsam washing ashore

Kay:

- Working with Camp Smokey at California State Fair.
- Kay's last month before she retires in August.

Ed:

- Nothing to report.

Judy:

- Working with Eco-Company, looking for subjects to do episodes of the show. She will send out a trailer for the show to introduce it to the CEEIN group. The show airs on Saturdays at 9:30am on channel 8. High school students host each episode.

Michelle:

- Busy with state fair booth and outdoor garden.
- Working on the 'Save our Water' campaign, working with California Urban Water group, trying to implement bond funding for a project rather than just planning a project.

Bobbie:

- Working with 'Natural Resource Volunteers', 3 groups statewide
- Training on 'Project Wild', get new facilitators through the training
- Dealing with travel issues, has some other people doing the facilitator workshops in southern California
- Working on providing 'Project Wild' on-line so that individuals can work together on the same project through a variation of a webinar (no video feed).

Donna:

- Involved with the Fort Ross Bicentennial commemoration happening July 28-29, 2012. Will be heading up there next Wednesday. Encouraged people to head up there and join the fun.

Jacqueline:

- Student assistant, recently graduated from college with degree in physical geography.

Anne:

- Working on a webinar on community education
- Honda Foundation grant to fund EEI implantation for kids
- Working on a new lobby display
- Presenting on environmental literacy at American Anthropological Convention

Susan:

- Retired
- Will be writing a paper
- Applying to be an adjunct at UC Davis
- Attended the STEM conference

Ingrid:

- Docent at Sacramento Zoo (saczoo.org)
- Will be working the 'Ice Cream Safari' at the zoo on the afternoon/evening of July 28th

Action Items:

- Bryan will provide information about new Pavley legislation
- Bryan will provide information about maps which document environmental impacts to different communities.
- Anne will circulate updated CEEIN roster.
- Kay will send committee list for updating.
- Michelle will order additional CEEIN brochures.
- Annie will update and distribute events calendar.
- Anne will invite Chistianne Maartens to attend CEEIN.
- Anne will distribute her write-up about the benefits of CEEIN; people should add their input so that it can go into the white paper.
- Anne will send white paper reminder.