

# California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting Minutes



Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016  
9:30-11:30 AM

Location: Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area  
45211 Chiles Rd. (County Rd 32B)  
Davis, CA 95616

Meeting Leader: Lesa Johnston  
Note Taker: Shannon Gordon

## Attendee's in-person:

Shannon Gordon	CDE
Brian Brown	Project WET
Sandy Derby	PLT
Ed Wong	CARB
Christy Porter-Humpert	EEI CAL Recycle
Greg Ira	CA Naturalist
Lesa Johnston	DFW
Susan Knadle	Retired OEHA
Janet Mann	CDE
Lesley Taylor	CDE

On the phone:  
Tom Drake AEOE

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Reviewed Agenda and Passed Around Sign-In Sheet

### 3. Review Meeting Minutes

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from June 2016 Meeting; all members need to double check draft on box.com so these minutes can be approved at the October meeting.

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from July 2016 Meeting; Meeting Minutes for July meeting need to be reviewed and edited in time for October meeting. As a reminder, please try and make changes to draft minutes in Box.com so they can be approved at next meeting; keep file names in box.com the same.

### 4. Reviewed Action Items from July 2016 Meeting

- a. Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships Committee will design a letter template for CEEIN outreach to contacts/partners after MOU complete. To Be Continued
- b. DeAnn to send out What's Growin' On? (August-September) – CA student newsletter focused on Agriculture and the Environment—all can provide feedback (review and edits)- DONE

- c. Laura to send link for, "Water We Do?"- DONE
- d. and Notes from July 2016 Meeting
- e. Develop a sub-committee to develop general guidelines for developing educational resources- DONE
- f. Legislation Committee look more deeply into the 71304 language related to the establishment of the EEI and the unified education strategy. To be discussed in MOU discussions and discussions about the curriculum resource materials.
- g. Ed to provide CEEIN with dates and locations of upcoming environmental justice meetings- DONE
- h. Contact Shannon if you are speaking on the Blueprint, or know who is speaking on it, at CSTA.- DONE
- i. Annie will provide link on CEEIN page to the PDF of the Blueprint-DONE
- j. Communications subcommittee work on language for the CEEIN highlighting the Environmental Principles and Concepts
- k. Ed will develop a new host list form for 2017 and post on box- DONE. Sign-up sheet was passed around; there are many blanks that need to be completed.

Next Items on Agenda:

Administration and Organization Committee Update:

Christy Porter Humpert would like Ten Strands to present at next meeting, and members present thought this would be fine.

Ed Wong is working on the scanning and archiving of historical documents that were located at CDE, Susan Knadle also contributed copies of all 6 Compendia to Ed Wong.

MOU- All Members were not prepared/present for this discussion. Members need to review the copy of the MOU in box. Brian suggested that a meeting of agencies involved in the MOU occur between the October CEEIN meeting and November CEEIN meeting to work on MOU.

- A- Lesley T. will send around a poll to check on members' availability during week October 24<sup>th</sup> or first week of November.

Leadership and Legislation Committee Update:

It is the time of year the California Department of Education thinks about Legislative Proposals to change legislation. Shannon asked if this is similar timing in other agencies.

Christy mentioned a Lower American Rivers Conservancy Bill is sitting on the Governor's desk and it could become a new agency.

- A- Lesley will out the Bill into the handouts for today's meeting on box.com (Presentations and Handouts folder)

Janet mentioned that the Governor signed a law that a new AB-2016 ethnic studies model curriculum; possibly link it to environmental justice. CDE is tasked with the work but there is no funding set aside for this work at this time; soonest approximate release date would be 2019.

Regarding the previous Action Item for the Legislation Committee look more deeply into the 71304 language,

- A- All members of agencies read this section of Public Resource Code and consider their agency's role/interpretation, CEEIN's role in the language related to the establishment of

the EEI, the unified education strategy, and whether your materials need to be presented to the Office of Education and the Environment (each agency's interpretation of this language varies). All Members should also be familiar with the Environmental Principle and Concepts (EP&Cs); use link to the EP&Cs on CEEIN.org homepage.

The development of general guidelines for developing educational resources was discussed. Ed Wong mentioned materials developed by his agency are considered supplementary and do not seem to need approval from OEE.

Tom Drake mentioned that including how your materials help teach state standards and EP&Cs helps a classroom teacher.

Christy mentioned the objective should not be to teach standards to mastery.

Lese mentioned there is no formal approval process for supplementary materials.

Brian echoed the connection to the state standards and EP&Cs can help.

It was decided this needs to continue as part of meeting agendas moving forward. For now, this should be considered general CEEIN work and will not fall under any one Committee. A draft outline needs to be created to start the development of general guidelines for developing educational resources and highlighting the Environmental Principles and Concepts.

Time will need to be set aside for this during or after a future CEEIN meeting. Then, the document can be further developed by those who expressed interest in working on the document (see list of those who are interested in helping on last pages of July Meeting Minutes).

Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships Committee Update:

Change Scale hosted a convening August 31, 2016. Greg Ira and Sandy Derby attended.

Participants worked in small groups to discuss:

Improving diversity within organizations hiring staff and ways to attract a more diverse pool of applicants, Programming- a common framework was presented which examines the general philosophy your staff tends to use to determine how culturally sensitive your programming is, I. Follow-up materials were provided to participants.

A- Greg will forward some materials to all members related to this

Action Items form this meeting:

- a. Lesley T. will send around a poll to check on members' availability during week October 24<sup>th</sup> or first week of November.
- b. Lesley will put copy of Lower American Rivers Conservancy Bill sitting on the Governor's desk into the handouts for today's meeting on box.com (Presentations and Handouts folder).
- c. Greg will forward some materials to all members related to Change Scale hosted a convening August 31, 2016
- d. Janet Mann- \_Update on HSS Instructional Material Reviewer with link to more information about this <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im/>
- e. Please contact Lesley if you have materials you would like distributed at fall Conferences other than CSTA.
- f. If you know early childhood teachers interested in field testing Project WET Early Childhood draft lessons for ages 3-7, please contact Brian Brown.

3. What's New In Your World

10:50-11:25 AM

Janet Mann- Update on HSS Instructional Material Reviewer; more information will be provided to members about this. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im/>

Tom Drake- Please Insert your update; Sorry I missed typing it in here.

Christy Porter Humpert - Rebecca Williams has retired and Bryan Ehlers is covering her job. The Office of Education and the Environment is putting together a network of Teacher Ambassadors to create a new training outline for teaching the EEI with an NGSS focus. These may be finished by the end of November. Maria Simani recommended someone from Monterey Bay Science Project to help with creating these Professional Development workshops. K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and High school focus. 90 minute trainings will be provided by their Teacher Ambassadors. 1 Million teacher kits have been ordered to date.

Lesley Taylor- We are excited to launch Year 6 of Green Ribbon Schools recognition. Superintendent Torlakson recently sent out a Request for Applications statewide (see handouts). If you have recommendations for schools who should be asked to apply for the award, please send them to Lesley. Regional technical assistance will happen this fall in Ventura County, SLO County, Anaheim, and Pasadena.

ELSC Update- Next in-person meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup>. If anyone in the Natural Resource Agency has recommendations for someone to serve as a representative on the ELSC (a person in agency and recommendations from the department level). We hope Ten Strands can give an update on the work of the ELSC at the October meeting. Various Work Teams are implementing certain recommendations and securing non-public funds to fund them.

Shannon Gordon- CREEC website still in program, see ELSC update.

Brian Brown- He is still working with draft of the Project WET NGSS correlation document. He has noticed people's familiarity with the NGSS varies; he discussed how he is working with that in his workshops. WET Early Childhood draft for ages 3-7 is ready to be field tested.

A- If you know early childhood teachers interested in field testing WET Early Childhood draft for ages 3-7, please contact Brian Brown.

Sandy Derby- This is the month of conferences and working on the Three-Year Strategic Plan for CA Project Learning Tree. Either Shayna or her will be at CSTA, STEM Symposium, and AEOE. Linking to NGSS is big part of our training right now. Please take a Trees for Bees poster if you could use them.

Greg Ira- Our recent CA Naturalist Conference was successful. K-12 teachers are taking our courses; we are developing tools and resources for those participants. We are working with CA PLT staff on this. We are going to have a course here at Davis in the near future.

Susan Knadle – no update

Ed Wong- SMUD Solar powered regatta boat race competition update; he had flyers he passed around; the competition is May 5-6, 2017 in Herald, CA. They need more high schools and colleges competing and accept schools from throughout the state. CA Foundation for AG in the Classroom conference next week in Sacramento and they will have a table booth there.

Lesa- Our Department is meeting to discuss programming alignment. Our wildlife areas are starting field trip season; especially at the hatchery. September 23<sup>rd</sup> they will have a booth outside the Capitol on Native American Day. Laura Drath will be the Project Wild Contact for this Region. Carol Singleton's position is vacant.

It was announced a State Parks position for PORTS Program is open.

Formal Meeting Wrapped-Up

11:20 AM

Next Meeting – October 20 at CalEPA  
Meeting Lead – Christy Porter Humpert  
Note Taker – Laura Drath