

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network  
Meeting Minutes**



**Date:** Thursday, July 19, 2018  
9:30-12:00 PM

**Location:** 1430 N Street, Room 1801  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Meeting Leader:** Shannon Gordon

**Note Taker:** Kathy Schulz, DWR and Maxine Wheeler, CDE

**Attendees in-person:**

Shannon Gordon	CDE
Tom Adams	CDE
Barbara Murchison	CDE
Monique McWayne	CDE
Maxine Wheeler	CDE
Lesley Taylor	CDE
Janet Mann	CDE
Ed Wong	CARB
Christy Porter	CalRecycle
Kathy Schulz	DWR
Bill Andrews	California Environmental Education Foundation
Julie Goolsby	DOC
Christina Murillo-Barrick	DOC
Karen Cowe	Ten Strands
Ariel Whitsen	Ten Strands

**On the phone:**

Kelly Kazmirchuk	RCD Santa Monica Mountains
Greg Ira	UCANR-Cal Naturalist
Annie Kohut Frankel	CA Coastal Commission
Darla Mills	CalFire

**1. Meeting called to order at: 9:35 am.**

Welcome and Introductions- Tom Adams and Barbara Murchison welcome participants to the CDE.

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

**3. Reviewed Meeting Minutes**

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from June 2018 Meeting; edits need to be made to add in discussion on CEEIN Collaboration and Accomplishment Highlight document. Everyone was asked to review the minutes and make necessary edits

before the next meeting.

#### **4. Reviewed Action Items from June 2018 Meeting**

- Any updates for Box living documents forward to Ed or update in Box and change date at top of document. Important “living” documents in Box: CEEIN Rosters, CEEIN Committee List, Internal CEEIN Member Backgrounds document - Done. CEEIN Roster updated before this meeting.
- Annie will send text to CEEIN members with asking for them to promote the calendar – Done.
- Tom, to send info on upcoming conferences for AEOE
- All, read SB720
- All, read ELSC newsletter sent via email June 17, 2018
- All add to What’s New In Your World Updates in Meeting Minutes or send to note-taker via email.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Administration and Organization Committee Update:**

CEEIN Roster changes: Sandra Salazar-Thompson retired from State Water Resources Control Board; Michael De LaSaux retired from UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Caitlin Boswell left the California Conservation Corps.

##### **Upcoming Potential New Partner Presentations:**

Ed introduced presenter Kelly Kazmirchuk, Education Program Coordinator, Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM). They are interested in joining CEEIN as a new partner and Kelly will give a new partner presentation later today. RCDSMM’s letter requesting to join CEEIN shared with members via email before meeting.

Bill Andrews represents the California Environmental Education Foundation (CEEF) and they are interested in joining CEEIN as a new partner. They will give a new partner presentation at the October 18 meeting.

Dianne Dealey Neill (Forestry Challenge) is also interested in joining as a new partner and she will give a new partner presentation at the September 20 meeting.

The San Mateo County Office of Education will present on their Environmental Literacy program at the November 15 meeting.

##### **Leadership and Legislation Committee Update:**

Update on CEEIN Collaboration and Accomplishment Highlights in box.com CEEIN Shared documents folder. Greg Ira-

- Highlight benefits, record important accomplishments, particularly those that

- arise from collaboration.
- Question regarding who is the audience for document. Some people felt that individual supervisors would benefit from knowing why time spent with CEEIN is important. Also it is beneficial for potential members/partners.
- What are we trying to capture: not describe in detail the activities, but describe the outcomes or impacts of those activities.
- Best way to do edit document is directly in Box.com

#### Updates on Legislation Introduced:

Bill: SB 720 – Environmental education: environmental principles and concepts. Bill was last amended on July 5. Approved by both houses and referred to appropriations committee.

AB 2614 – Outdoor Experiences for Disadvantaged Youth. This would provide transportation for disadvantaged children to participate in outdoor education programs. The bill is in Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water. Due to its overlap with AB 2534 the bill has been amended to codify at the Resources Agency the community access provisions that are eligible for funding pursuant to Prop 68 and make the community access provisions permanent within the Resources Agency.

AB 2534 which would establish the Outdoor Equity Grants Program in State Parks to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk communities to participate in outdoor environmental education experiences at state parks and other public lands. The program will award grants to public organizations, local government and LEAs, joint powers and open space authorities, relevant public agencies and nonprofit organizations who must have one of the following: a curriculum that aligns to California's academic content standards, fosters stewardship of the environment and includes specified curriculum, or integrates instruction in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. The bill establishes the California Outdoor Equity Account and authorizes California State Parks to obtain private funding. Unless authorized by the legislature, General Fund monies may not be used. Currently in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee; completed second reading and amended.

AB 2534 – outdoor equity grants program in state parks

#### **Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships Committee Update:**

Annie sent emails to previous meeting leads indicating she needs to see that meeting minutes are marked FINAL in box to know if they are the correct version. Shannon thinks that not everyone has permission to change a file name in box.com, so please upload a new file with the word FINAL in the file name.

#### Upcoming Conferences:

- History Social Studies conference presentation proposals are due Monday. See email from Janet Mann

## Other Agenda Items and Other Announcements:

### CDE Updates

See written update distributed

### CDE CREEC Network landing page at

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ca/sc/creecnetwork.asp> has been updated for CREEC network. [www.creec.org](http://www.creec.org) is in the process of being updated. Currently is accessible but content is minimal; content is being added.

### DWR Update

Kathy is working with the President and CEO of the [New Knowledge Network](#) through the National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation leadership team. In a discussion about the inclusion of environmental literacy and the EP&Cs in California's K-12 education, he mentioned that research indicates that targeting environmental education at K-12, without also reaching out to adults, tends to lead to devaluation of EE and a lack of saliency due to lack of support in homes and workplaces as youth transition to adults. He would be interested working with CEEIN to do a statewide survey of adults to determine levels of support for the EP&Cs and other environmental messages that we are seeking to convey. This way you could target and know where most resistance is to advancing these ideas and develop strategies to reach out to adults so that the students' learning is also supported in the homes and workplaces. If there is interest in doing this – perhaps as a collaborative CEEIN project – we can invite him to present his ideas at a future meeting.

### Announcements from the California Department of Conservation (DOC):

- The DOC will be having a Global Climate Summit Affiliated meeting on September 10th at UC Davis. It is called "Managing Lands in a Changing Climate to improve agricultural resiliency, food security, and health." Grad students will be a big part of it. It is part of a larger event, the Climate Action Summit, occurring in San Francisco on September 11-12th For more information, please go to: <https://globalclimateactionsummit.org/>
- On July 2nd the DOC began lesson plan development with educational consultant, Nathan Inouye.
- The DOC has 4 students working with them this summer. Two are grad students from UC Davis and two are undergrads from Stanford.
- The DOC plans on demonstrating our new lesson plans at the CSTA in November and December.

### **Action Items from this meeting:**

1. Copies of final meeting minutes for [www.ceein.org](http://www.ceein.org): Everyone who received an email from Annie needs to send her the final version of the meeting minutes or upload the minutes into box.com with FINAL in the file name.
2. CEEIN exhibitor presentation at CSTA: Kathy and Annie to investigate a CEEIN exhibitor presentation at CSTA (due Friday at midnight).
3. CEEIN Collaboration and Accomplishment Highlights document - Ed will remove old versions of document and only leave current one - Done. Greg will email new version to CEEIN members.
4. All CEEIN members review the RCDSMM presentation and formal request letter (already sent to all via email) and CEEIN will vote on whether to allow SMMRCD to become a partner at September 20 meeting.

### **What's New In Your World Updates:**

#### **CalEPA:**

Christy: State budget 18/19 has 1.1 million for EEI curriculum printing and distribution. She is presenting at California Resource Recovery Conservation meeting in Oakland later in July. This is usually attended by recycling coordinators, waste management folks, promoting EEI to teachers in their jurisdictions. In online EEI newsletter Christy wrote a blog post on bringing EP&Cs into science education. Her Office will need to re-advertise Educational Program Consultant specialist position.

#### **DWR:**

Kathy – looking to see if there are academic venues for water safety program. E.g. through updated health framework.

#### **UCANR:**

**UC California Naturalist Program.** The UC California Naturalist program just completed a six-month exercise with a 12 person steering committee to produce a strategic plan for the development of a California Community Climate Stewards initiative. The program, patterned after the California Naturalist course, focuses on climate literacy, communication, and service to promote community resilience. CEEIN members are invited to visit the Climate Stewards [web page](#), review the [strategic plan](#) and share [comments and suggestions through the web survey](#).

#### **CA Coastal Commission:**

Annie – thank Janet for encouraging Annie to submit sessions including GIS. Not this year, but maybe next year. California King Tides project, citizen science through photography. Document king tides which will be the new normal tides under climate change.

**Cal Fire:**

Darla Mills – 17/18 grant awardees are on website. Ranges from urban forest management and expansion (i.e. tree planting). Forecast for active fire season to continue through the summer and fall.

Formal Business Wrapped-Up at: 11:30 AM

Next Meeting:

Date: September 20, 2018  
Time: 9:30-12:00  
Location: CalEPA, Sacramento  
Location Contact: Christy Porter  
Meeting Lead: Christy Porter  
Note taker: Laura Drath

**Presentations:**

- Crystal Howe, San Diego County Office of Education presented on the California Phenomena Summits. A copy of the slides presented were sent to all CEEIN by Shannon Gordon via email on Wednesday 7/18/2018.
- Karen Cowe, Ten Strands and Environmental Literacy Steering Committee (ELSC) presented on the work of the ELSC. Electronic copy of slides presented and a compilation of ELSC-Ten Strands updates for CEEIN were sent via email to all CEEIN by Shannon Gordon via email August 20, 2018.
- Kelly Kazmirchuk, Education Program Coordinator, Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCD Santa Monica Mountains) presented on the work of RCD Santa Monica Mountains. A copy of the slides presented were sent to all CEEIN members by Shannon Gordon via email on Monday 7/16/2018.