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Public Meeting

Subject:	Food System Education: Teaching Food, Agriculture, & Nutrition		
Facilitator:	SLO FSC, Ellen Burke	Meeting Date:	11-09-2021
Location:	Virtual Meeting via Zoom	Time:	9:00a-10:30a

Agenda

- 9:00- 9:10 Land Acknowledgement, Welcome and Announcements
- 9:10 - 9:25 Work group, CA Food Policy Council
- 9:25 - 10:00 Food System Education Panel Panel
- 10:00 - 10:25 Q&A with panel
- 10:25 - 10:30 Meeting close

Announcements

- Senator Laird acknowledgement of FSC's 10 years of work
- FSC will be featured on Consumed Podcast, Episode release is Dec 1, 2021
- New homepage and blog on FSC website
- AB 125 - was not passed in the assembly as is, however CalCAN has been able to assign parts of the bill to other legislature and gotten it through the assembly with that strategy

Work groups -

- CalFresh Alliance: a group with representatives from agencies that work with lower income folks.
 - thrifty food plan (CalFresh benefits updates)
 - Extended benefits (due to the pandemic) are ending
 - Next group meeting: Dec 13th, 1-2:30pm via zoom
- EBT at FM - this group represents SLO and Northern SB county
 - received grant from Danone to develop Market Navigators (2 year grant)
 - 51% increase use at Farmers Markets year over year
 - trying to reach South County markets
- Food Policy Work Group - focusing on affordable housing for farm workers
 - meet monthly

California Food Poly Council (CAFPC) - this is a state wide meeting of representatives from food policy councils

- 2020 report has been published on CAFPC website
 - Showcases highlights include work by FSC participant Slow Money SLO, San Luis Coastal USD, and SLO Food Bank's voucher program

Evie Kinkade - One Cool Earth

- 10 years of Earth Genius - a program teaching kids on campus every week about how to grow food
- Integrates PTA's and school administrations
- Garden work days, family cooking nights
- broadening tastes through taste testing in the garden

Kathy Chechopoulos - Edna 4-H

- Food and nutrition projects include:
 - 1x month cooking projects exploring various recipes
 - seed saving in the garden



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- BBQ group - different foods on the grill, different BBQ styles

Dr. Nick Babin - Cal Poly Natural Resources

- Natural Resources Management
 - teaches soil science to all agriculture majors
 - science behind sustainable agriculture (agroecosystems)
 - hands on at campus experimental farm - gardening and crop care
 - social dimensions - economic and political systems that drive food systems
- Summer project - cultural exchange on a small coffee farm in Costa Rica
 - examine injustice in the commodity chain
- Masters students - connect students to the community
 - drought tolerance
 - irrigation systems
 - service learning projects

Becky Bednar - UC Master Gardeners

- Workshops designed for micro climates
 - follow up with monthly garden check ins
 - basics - soil, containers, how to plant seeds, irrigation, etc
- monthly event at 7 Sisters Demo Garden
- looking to reach underserved communities more - victory garden project is helpful but need more reach

Next Meeting

- February 8, 2022

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