**ESA Advisory Agenda**

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**March 27, 2018 3:45 p.m.**

**MHS Mrs. Driver's classroom (3rd Tuesday)**

**Members**: Brian Rueger, Bud Darwin, Jason Biagio, Nancy Bruce, Richard Goode, Nichole Arbelo, Anneka Anderson

**Ex** **Officio**: Amanda Driver, Mimi Schuler

Important dates:

February 24 Lewis Hill – SRT Wildflower Walk 10 – 2

****April 7 Blue Oak: Wildflowers, iNaturalist

April 20- Mentor’s Conference: Speakers 9:50- 11 Hiring Process & Workplace effectiveness

April 21 BioBlitz @ Circle J 9-Noon, ESA student leaders needed

May 2 Senior Banquet @ 7 p.m.

May 5 @ Blue Oak LOOP bus Global Birding Day- Binoculars from CJ & ESA

May 14 Senior Project Defense Advisory Board grades final project; 8:25 a.m. start – 10 a.m.

May 22 Pathway Showcase @ Porterville College: Can we publish on Google Classroom, Students need to defend their projects.

May 23 K-8 Exhibition STEAM Expo

Reports: P8 Report & City of Porterville: (Jason Biagio)

* P8 discussed drought tolerant garden Leadership Porterville, City of P & MHS working to design. Very pleasing to be involved in working with ESA Seniors to design native plant demonstration gardens.

Sequoia Riverlands Trust (Bud Darwin)-

* Trout in the Classroom: @RR 5 stations, trained 8 ESA students to lead the Long Haul & the Nature Walk. Lorene and Dahlia.
* Blue Oak Stewardship
* Long Term Stewardship projects- 60 -80 hours per year, GPS,
* Cocoon (biodegradable paper vessel w/ water) plantings for Oaks

Academy Lead (Amanda Driver)

* Ordered Greenhouse and shade house
* Need demonstration activities to do with 6 graders @ Pathway Showcase. Ideas?
* PFW- Grant up to $10,000 for school yard habitat
* Diane Rankin, Administration rep. has accepted a new position at Strathmore HS.

Pathway Office (Mimi Schuler)

* Paid Internship thru INNOVATE Tulare-Kings available to ESA students who complete 80 hours between Jan 1 – Nov 30, 2018. $510, application necessary.

WildPlaces (Anneka)

* Goldman Environmental Prize Ceremony Monday April 23 from 4:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Success Lake/USACE (Nichole Arbelo)-

* Suzanne, Cindy, PC discussed grant through EPA

Porterville College (Richard Goode)

* Attending Senior Project class Tuesdays

Circle J Ranch (Nancy Bruce)-

* Need 4- 6 students on Saturday April 21 for BioBlitz.

Forestry (Brian Rueger)

* Happy to mentor students, may need to step back from regular attendance at the Board meetings Jason, Richard & the Board encouraged Brian to stay on the Board & attend when possible.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 17, 2018 @ 3:45 p.m.