



February 1, 2019

Dear Los Angeles Educator:

The California Environmental Education Foundation (CEEFF) with the LADWP, MWD and DWR, is pleased to announce its seventh teacher institute on **“Best Practices of Environmental Education and Stewardship.”** CEEFF is certain you will be very satisfied with the high quality of the Institute as revealed in an in-depth, peer-reviewed study conducted with teachers from an earlier CEEF Institute (please see <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13504622.2017.1396289>)

We are now accepting applications from classroom educators who teach students in grades 4-12 within the county of Los Angeles. First preference will be given to secondary school educators and those teaching in public, private, parochial, and charter schools in the city of Los Angeles, second to LAUSD teachers and then to teachers in Los Angeles County.

Institute participants will receive a \$600 stipend and free passes to the Monterey Bay Aquarium upon completing both the three Saturday Teacher Institute [March 9, March 30, and May 18, 2019] as well as the requirements set forth in the stipend conditions of the application.

This year the theme will be “Climate Change: The Water and Energy Future of Los Angeles.” A primary feature of the institute is to demonstrate the integration of both the 5E instructional model and NGSS standards into environmental stewardship projects. We will be using a new interactive web-based learning and teaching platform SKIES (skieslearn.com), which was developed by Caltech professors and supported by their K-12 outreach programs at Caltech, the Community Science Academy, and the Caltech Classroom Connection.

If you are interested, please see the attached flyer and the complete the attached Application and Letter of Commitment. Please note that the Application must be signed by both you and your principal, and submitted by **March 4, 2019**. Qualified applicants will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions, please call John Zavalney, CEEF Institute Director, at (310) 977-1767 or send an email: johnzavalney@aol.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Zavalney".

John Zavalney
2019 Institute Director