

TOWARD ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION

EcoCiv Convening July 12, 2016 Report

Convening Objectives

1) Develop a dialogue with individuals and organizations leading environmental movements in the Los Angeles area concerning EcoCiv's proposed roadmaps in the sectors of education and agriculture.

2) Network with various individuals and organizations who are actively engaging the ecological problem faced by the world in local communities.

Discussion of Ecological Education Roadmap

The conversation of the proposed document, Ecological Education Roadmap, centered around audience and content. The participants were asked to consider what audience was the document written for and to give feedback on the documents: 1) identify what type of document this was, 2) what did they agree with, and 3) what did they not agree with.

There was a lot of excitement about the need for advocacy for ecological education. This led to the convening members having a discussion on whether the document was a policy proposal or an academic paper on the subject. Helpful feedback from the convening includes four main ideas: 1) developing multiple documents on the subject with language particular to various groups from activist, to the parents of children, teachers, administrators, the general public, academics, and policy developers. 2) Expand the document to include the role of K-12. 3) Expand references to concrete examples of ecological education already in existence a4) Explore further the impact on geo-location (for example: rural/urban and local, state, and national), money, and spirituality in the role of education.

Discussion of Ecological Agricultural Roadmap

The framework for this discussion asked the participants to evaluate the document at the policy level.

The general reaction to the document was positive as the audience related to the passionate nature of the document and it related while with the interest of the group. Helpful feedback from the group included: the need to place greater emphasis on the attractiveness on the executive summary, further interconnecting agriculture and education, expanding how modern ecological knowledge itself contributes to good ecological agricultural life and not more examples of how this is taking place in urban and rural areas.

Participants

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Betsy Hunter	Pando Populus
Amy Goldberg	Consultant
Pat Beiting	Pando Populus
Antonin Giraud	Student at University of California, Santa Cruz studying for a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies.
Ronan Hallowell	Center for Process Studies/EcoCiv Researcher
Susan Sims Hillbrand	University of Southern California-Institute for Genetic Medicine Art Gallery & Foundation 4 Conscious Violation
Vern Visick	Senior Researcher for EcoCiv
Lynn Crandall	Director at University of Southern California Institute for Genetic Medicine Art Gallery
Grant Power	Crenshaw EcoDistrict
Jason Sanders	EcoSafe Zero Waste
Ben Cowan	EcoCiv/Center for Process Studies
Claudia Pearce	Pando Populus
Paris Smith	Co-Director of Natural Ivy Foundation homeless shelters and programs
Les Hamasaki	University of Southern California Institute for Genetic Medicine Art Gallery
Mike Saijo	Director at University of Southern California Institute for Genetic Medicine Art Gallery
Marcela Oliva	Professor of Architecture and Environmental Design, Los Angeles Trade Technical College
Dianne Thomas	Los Angeles Trade Technical College/Carson Community Activist.
Mervis Reissig	Pando Populus
Lorraine Lundquist	Lecturer; Physics, Mathematics, Sustainability California State University, Northridge
John Cobb Jr	Claremont School of Theology/Center for Process/EcoCiv/Pando Populus
Andy Shrader	Director of Environmental Affairs, Water Policy & Sustainability for Council-member Paul Koretz,
Vern Tuck Taylor	Pachamama Alliance
Gina Garcia	<i>Co-Executive Director & Community/Residential Greening Program Director</i> at Sustainable Works
Iesha Siler	Policy Associate at Los Angeles Food Policy Council
Jessica Aldridge	Executive Director of f Burbank Green Alliance
Jezreel (Jazz Decohen)	Staff at Natural Ivy Foundation
Eugene Shirley	President of Pando Populus
Phillip Clayton	Co-Director of the Center for Process Studies/ Professor at Claremont School of Theology/President of EcoCiv/ VP of Executive Committee for Pando Populous
Iganico Castuera	Center for Process Studies/Pando