

Hello and Good Day!

I am looking forward to spending this quarter together exploring various regulatory agencies that have environmental responsibilities. By increasing our understanding of the regulatory framework in California, we will be better equipped to understand and deal with environmental issues that arise. Also, I urge all of you to consider becoming environmental professionals. Speaking for myself and my wife Kristin, I can honestly say that our lives have been greatly enriched on many different levels by our involvement as professionals and as volunteers. We need your help!

Here is some important information about the Environmental Protection and Pollution Prevention course. I suggest that you print this email for your class records.

**Class meets next week, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00.**

**Field Trips:**

**Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>:** View one hour of the AB 32 Video Workshop: Environmental Justice and Cap and Trade. The meeting lasts from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm and is webcast from Sacramento. It is available here: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1#Test> Click on the 1/26/09 Environmental Justice and Cap and Trade Workshop video. We will make an attempt to split the hours among class members so that we can cover the entire meeting.

Write two paragraphs about the meeting and turn this in on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Paragraph 1: summarize the events that occurred during the hour that you viewed the meeting (can be in outline form). Paragraph 2: keeping in mind our class discussions, summarize your impressions and opinions about the portion of the meeting that you viewed. Be prepared to discuss in class on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

This “Field Trip” will account for two hours of class time.

**Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>:** Attend the seminar: “Water: California’s New Gold” in Oakland from 9:00 to 2:00 (actually, registration and refreshments from 9:00 to 9:30.) You have the handout, also available on my website. I will provide directions. I recommend that you car pool, however De Anza policy will not allow me to arrange these. There will be time at the end of class on January 28<sup>th</sup> if you would like to organize these. Be prepared to discuss the meeting in class on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

This Field Trip will account for eight hours of class time.

**Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>:** **Note that the date on the Syllabus is incorrect.**

We will visit San Luis Reservoir and the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant. We will meet at the Romero Visitors Center near the east end of San Luis Reservoir at 9:30 am. I will provide directions. The travel time from De Anza is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. We will spend two hours at the reservoir, have a bite to eat, then head to the water

treatment plant for a 1:00 tour. The length of the wastewater treatment plant tour is 2 to 2.5 hours. You may arrange carpooling options to these locations on March 11th.

This Field Trip will account for eight hours of class time.

The total Field Trip time is 18 hours. Therefore, over the course of 12 weeks, our average class time will be two hours and ten minutes. We have a great deal of information to cover so come prepared for class discussions.

### **Regulatory Agency Assignments**

I generated some random numbers and assigned regulatory agencies to each of you. Here are the results:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Regulatory Agency/Topic</b>
Neela	2	California Air Resources Board
Gerry	2	Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Vanessa	3	AB 32
Derrick	3	Cap and Trade
Gabriel	3	Environmental Justice
Cristina	4	State Water Resources Control Board
Darren	4	Regional Water Quality Control Board
Melanie	5	Department of Water Resources
MIDTERM	6	MIDTERM
Ari	7	Central Valley Project
Fu Ping	7	State Water Project
Lisa	7	Water Law in California
Neal	8	California Environmental Protection Agency
Antoinette	8	Department of Toxic Substances Control
Mike	9	California Resources Agency
Samson	9	Department of Fish and Game
Valerie	9	Department of Parks and Recreation
Minerva	10	Department of Conservation
Tuan	10	Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Christine	11	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Evan	11	Department of Pesticide Regulation
Karen		To be determined
FINAL	12	FINAL

I am looking forward to working with each of you this quarter. If you have any questions, concerns, etc., do not hesitate to contact me via office hours, telephone, or email.

Mark