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<b>Meeting Minutes: Farm to School Taskforce</b> <b>Friday, January 22, 2016 10:30am-12:00pm</b>	<b>Next Taskforce Meeting: TBD</b>
<b>Attendees:</b> Cathy Abel (Santee School District), Heather Berkoben (Dairy Council), Amy Haessly (Vista Unified School District), Judi Reynolds (Fallbrook Union High), Anna Thompson (LMSVSD), Elizabeth Vaughan (CHIP), Colin Cureton (CHIP), Johnna Jenkins (Valley Center-Pauma Unified), Danny Cavillo (Sunrise Produce), Paloma Perez (SYSD), Jon Hansen (National School District), Alexis Beltran (Chula Vista Elementary District), Ashley Cassat (San Diego Unified School District), Kate McDevitt (UCSD Center for Community Health), Mark Mendoza (Cajon Valley Union), Jill Whittenberg (La Mesa-Spring Valley), Rick Linsalato (Oceanside Unified), Sandi McGoldrick (Fallbrook Union Elementary), Dawn Stone (Escondido Union), Kaylie Caries (Resource Conservation District), Gilda Valdez (Diamond Jack), Jamie Cassutt-Sanchez (Escondido Union), Garcia Valinda (Grossmont Union High), Pamela Lambert (San Ysidro), Jeff Landers (Chula Vista Elementary), Kussy Mackenzie (UCSD Center for Community Health), Sandi McGoldrick (Fallbrook Union), Jennifer McNeil (Encinitas Union), Robin McNulty (SD Hunger Coalition), Todd Bull (GUHSD), Heather Ransons (YMCA), Jaki Falch (YMCA), Kira McNealy (SDUSD), Corrie King (SDUSD), Jonathan Foley (Center for Ecoliteracy), Chris Smith (Center for Ecoliteracy)	
<b>Recorder:</b> Elizabeth Vaughan (CHIP)	

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<b>Welcome and Introductions (10 min)</b>	Members of the F2S Taskforce introduced themselves.	
<b>Harvest of the Month (20 min)</b>	<p><b>HOTM in 2016: Kussy Mackenzie, UCSD Center for Community Health</b>            HOTM has started at participating schools for this school year and recruitment for next year has also began. A few changes have been made to the program, new resources are available and a few best practices of the program were shared. The curriculum of HOTM is part of common core and other districts have been carrying out the program independently. For questions on the HOTM program, please contact Kussy Mackenzie at <a href="mailto:kmackenzie@ucsd.edu">kmackenzie@ucsd.edu</a> / (619) 681-0664.</p> <p><b>HOTM-specific Crop Availability Charts (2-3 min), Colin Cureton, CHIP</b>            A condensed version of CHIP's Seasonality and Crop Availability Chart was created for schools to easily reference available HOTM crops in San Diego County. The chart is designed to assist schools to procure locally-grown HOTM items between September, 2015 and August, 2016, ideally purchased directly from local growers. There is a number listed under each month for every crop that represents the number of local growers CHIP identified to have that crop available in that particular month.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Juniper HOTM video link will be sent out to F2ST.</li> <li>- An electronic copy of the HOTM Crop Availability Chart will be sent to the group.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Presentation: Local fish!, Nathan Phillips, Catalina Offshore (10 min)</b></p>	<p>Nathan Phillips from Catalina Offshore presented fish samples and reviewed his company's local fish and sustainable seafood products. Their price points are reasonable and Nathan is available to discuss processing needs and advance ordering. Sweetwater has a popular ceviche recipe that they can provide. Contact Nathan Phillips for further details or questions <a href="mailto:nathan@catalinaop.com">nathan@catalinaop.com</a> / 619-297-9797</p>	
<p><b>California Thursdays Check-in (5 minutes)</b></p>	<p>Prior to the F2ST meeting, Jonathan Foley and Chris Smith, with the Center for Ecoliteracy co-hosted a gathering for CA Thursdays districts. A description of the CA Thursdays program was provided to the group. There will be a Statewide white-tent event held in San Diego on March 16<sup>th</sup> celebrating the program and expansion to 58 school districts across California. The California Thursdays Collective Day of Action will involve individual events at all 12 participating San Diego County school districts on March 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<p><b>Strategic Planning for 2016 (35 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Year-3 strategic plan report out, Colin Cureton, CHIP</b>          Colin provided a presentation on the Farm to School Taskforce's 2015 activities.  <b>Proposed core 2016 activities</b>          Following the presentation, a draft strategic plan for 2016 was shared with the taskforce.  <b>Discussion: Additions and revisions to proposed 2016 plan</b>          After reviewing the draft plan, individuals broke out into small groups to discuss the draft 2016 F2ST Strategic Plan and report back to the group on suggestions/revisions. The following input was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide more group support and trainings           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A recommendation was provided to host a training for similarly sized districts on how to create a three year F2S plan, and/or how to incorporate geographic preference in produce bids.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- North County Community Services recommended increasing direct support to schools and farm to preschool programs</li> <li>- Taskforce member recommended professional development skills for kitchen staff (i.e. knife skills)</li> <li>- There can be a focus on the economic impact of food (changing the attitude that a lower cost equals a better value)</li> <li>- Increasing participation by increasing education to students and parents.</li> <li>- For policy related activities, the taskforce suggested partnering with CSNA in bringing in new standards and professional development, and working with the DoD to provide more local products.</li> </ul>	



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<b>Review: Farm to School Taskforce Membership Definition (5 min)</b>	<p>The definition of F2S Taskforce “membership” was formed several years ago and is being revisited. Elizabeth reviewed the current definition of “membership” and proposed potential revisions to the definition of Taskforce membership. The group discussed an individual, grower or organization who attends three or more F2ST related meetings, events or trainings a year having adequate involvement for being recognized as a member of the taskforce. A follow up will be sent out to the group detailing the proposed new membership definition.</p>	<p>- <b>CHIP staff to send proposed F2ST membership definition for members to review.</b></p>
<b>Events, Announcements and Resources (10min)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reminder: State of Farm to School in San Diego County survey due January 29<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Funding update: Leichtag Foundation</b> The Leichtag Foundation has awarded a two year grant to CHIP for several of their food systems projects.</li> <li>• <b>CDE Trainings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Procurement Training: 2/5, 8:30am – 5:00pm at County Operations Center</li> <li>• Procurement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2/8 &amp; 2/9</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>F2ST co-chairs for 2016-2017: We are taking nominations!</b> Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016-2017 F2ST co-chairs. Please contact Elizabeth, <a href="mailto:evaughan@sdchip.org">evaughan@sdchip.org</a> / 858-609-7978 if you are interested or if you would like to nominate someone.</li> <li>• <b>Olivewood Gardens Spring 2016 Educator Workshops:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden Enhanced Nutrition Education, 3/5, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden, 3/19, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Each workshops costs \$40 (scholarships available) and take place at Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center (2525 N Ave. National City, CA 91950)</p> </li> <li>• <b>Other</b> Resource Conservation District has free seeds to provide to schools.</li> </ul>	
<b>Questions &amp; Next Steps Johnna Jenkins &amp; Judi Reynolds</b>	<b>Next F2S Taskforce Meeting: TBD</b>	