

California Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education is proud to announce the Opening Speaker, Estrella Risinger, Executive Director, at the California Statewide Environmental Education Spring Conference 2019, Friday March 29 – Sunday March 31, Westminster Woods, Occidental, CA. For details: <http://aeoe.org/events>

Estrella Risinger is AEOE's first Executive Director, partnering with the Board of Directors to expand program offerings and educational opportunities, and increase the impact of outdoor and environmental education in California. She also continues to serve as NatureBridge's National Education Manager, focusing on social and emotional development. [Read more about that effort here](#). Estrella started her career in the classroom, teaching second and third grade in Oakland, with summers as an outdoor educator. She is thrilled to be kicking off this year's conference on the importance of identity and belonging in forging a connection to the natural world.

