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Welcome to the March 2011 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of February 2011. Please feel free to forward comments questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net

Highlights

- EMD Director And EHD Chief Meet With Bay Area Environmental Health Directors
- EMD Participates In Subgroup On Food Handler Cards
- Staff Attends Bi-Annual Meeting Of Solid Waste Operators
- Sacramento Environmental Commission Member Joins Staff On Hazardous Materials Inspection

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in February with 46 participants representing 14 facilities. Two classes were conducted in Spanish, two classes were conducted in Cantonese, one class was conducted in Punjabi, and one class was conducted in English.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with four businesses in attendance.

Rental Housing Association

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza served as a panelist at a luncheon meeting of the Rental Housing Association. Colleen presented information regarding EMD services and pending online access to pool inspection reports as part of a government panel presentation

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

California Groundwater Resources Association

Environmental Specialist (ES) David Von Aspern was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA). GRA is a statewide non-profit entity dedicated to resource management that protects and improves groundwater through education and technical leadership. The GRA membership of approximately 1,300 persons is comprised predominantly of environmental, geologic and engineering consultants, municipal and regulatory employees, water and land-use attorneys, water purveyors, educators and lay members of the public.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission

EHD Chief John Rogers and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provide staff support to the February 28 meeting of the SEC. Bill Busath, Interim Engineering Manager of the Engineering Services Division of the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities, provided information on the City's 2008 Water Meter Implementation Plan; Jason Sirney, Emergency Services Manager for SacramentoReady.org, provided information on their Emergency Evaluation Plan; Larry Greene, Executive Director of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), shared information on SMAQMD's Wood Smoke Reduction Program; and EHD Chief John Rogers presented information on EMD's mass shelter and feeding responsibilities in the event of a flood or countywide emergency.

City of Sacramento

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ES John Lewis met with representatives from the City of Sacramento Planning and Solid Waste Divisions to discuss the City's plan to install photovoltaic cell arrays over the Sutter's Landing closed landfill. The City plans to cover much of the landfill's 106 acre fill area with photovoltaic panels, as well as shade structures over and around existing buildings and parking on the facility's west end. Conergy, the project builder, states that the project will generate 20 megawatts (one megawatt is said to power about 1000 homes) when completed. Anticipated completion date for the project is late 2012. While Local Enforcement Agency staff expressed concerns regarding the proposal—including access limitations posed by the panels that may impede grade and vegetation maintenance and monitoring activities—plan modifications could address those concerns.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which featured a presentation by Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza on "How and When to Submit Plans to the Environmental Health Division".

Solid Waste Operators

ECD Chief Elise Rothschild, ECD Deputy Chief Marie Woodin, Supervising ES Lisa Todd, and ESs Lea Gibson, Victoria Krohn and John Lewis attended the bi-annual meeting of the Solid Waste Operators. Topics discussed at the meeting included transitioning to digital inspection reports, financial assurances and permitting anaerobic digesters.

Food Handler Card

EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez and Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz participated in a meeting of the Stakeholder Working Group for Senate Bill 602 regarding food handler cards. This new legislation will require foodservice employees to receive food safety training and take an examination. The requirement becomes effective on July 1, 2011. EMD representatives are working closely with members of industry, local environmental health jurisdictions, training providers and certification organizations to develop a guidance document and recommendations for implementation. This group is also working on amendment language to provide clarification for implementation.

Bay Area Environmental Health Directors

EMD Director Val Siebal and EHD Chief John Rogers met with Bay Area Environmental Health Directors to coordinate issues and develop consistent responses to common issues including medical marijuana, solid waste facility odors and state government funding impacts.

SEC Member Joins Staff On Inspection

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) member Jason McCoy joined ES Kevin Smith on a hazardous materials and hazardous waste generator inspection to observe the inspection process. Mr. McCoy is an AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) Certified Planner and Senior Project Manager with Hatch Mott MacDonald specializing in land use, transportation, urban design, public participation and environmental analysis.

Web Portal Development

EMD Managers and Supervisors received a demonstration and informational briefing on web portal development by representatives from Decade Software and E-compliance. Information received will enable EMD to better understand web portal capabilities and assist the department in its decision to secure web portal development. An EMD web portal will allow our constituents to submit data to us electronically rather than in person or on paper. Electronic data submission is a requirement of the upcoming state CERS (California Electronic Reporting System) project for Hazardous Materials Business Plans and EMD is required by law to submit all business plan data to the state electronically effective January 2013. The EMD web portal will also be used for other programs. Initial uses are expected to include acceptance of water purveyor data for the cross connection program and temporary food event applications for the Environmental Health Division. Details are in progress, but EMD is moving in this direction to make it easier for the businesses we regulate to submit the data required by our various programs.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

CEHA-Sponsored Training

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and ESs Craig Dorrough and Janet Martin attended training on medical marijuana dispensaries, bed bugs, mobile food facilities and hazard analysis for regulators sponsored by the Northern Chapter of the California Environmental Health Association (CEHA).

NPDES Industrial General Permit Issuance Workshop

ESs Sean Daneluk and Sharon Merker attended a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Workshop presented by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Information on proposed changes to the current NPDES Industrial General Permit was provided. (The NPDES Industrial General Permit covers facilities in EMD's storm water inspection program.)

FEBRUARY 2011 BY THE NUMBERS

		February 2011	To Date FY 2010-11
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,230	7,353
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	87	411
	C. Red – Closed	8	69
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	2	22
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,648	9,251
3.	Farm Labor Camps	7	38
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	2,321
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	18	168
6.	Liquid Waste	14	117
7.	Medical Waste	13	120
8.	Small Water Systems	0	26
9.	Wells	46	574
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	4	180
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	68	538
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	83	793
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	39	303
14.	Storm Water	132	971
15.	Waste Tire	49	359
16.	Tobacco Retailer	30	325
17.	Commercial Recycling	79	395
18.	Multi-Family Recycling	28	66
19.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	0	309
	Total	2,261	16,876
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	16	155
2.	Consumer Complaints	43	498
3.	Food Borne Illness	11	114
4.	Incident Response	12	187
5.	Solid Waste	2	77
6.	Storm Water	8	506
7.	Waste Tire	49	60
8.	Childhood Lead	1	6
	Total	142	1,603
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	46	441
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	2	23
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	0	22
	Total	48	486
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	304	2,976
2.	Monitoring Wells	91	677
3.	Food Facilities	52	641
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	17	315
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	8	89
6.	Land Use	5	101
7.	Local Oversight Program	8	29
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,331	12,310
	Total	1,816	17,138
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	8,787	78,189
2.	Public Record Reviews	26	180
	Total	8,813	78,369