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

Highlights

- *Director Accepts NACO Award For Abandoned Well Program*
- *Multiple Language "How To Get A Green" DVD Available In Four Languages*
- *Final Pool Training Session For The Season*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NACO Achievement Award

EMD Director Val Siebal accepted the 2011 National Association of Counties (NACo) Award in behalf of EMD's Abandoned Well Program at a meeting of the County Board of Supervisors. EMD was one of three Sacramento County programs which received a NACo Award.

Multiple Language "How To Get A Green" DVD

EMD has recently completed production of a new "How-to-Get-a-Green" video in four languages—English, Spanish, Cantonese and Vietnamese. This video will be available on DVD and will also be posted on our website. We are very proud of our Environmental Health Division (EHD) staff that contributed to the production of this very special and unique educational video. Thanks to the following staff for their contribution to the video: EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez; Supervising Environmental Specialists (ES) Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz; ESs Sonia Andrusiak, Jane Auyeung, Shirley Fong, Judy Guevara, Tuan Nguyen and David Wong; and Administrative Services Officer I Linda Jimenez.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshops was held with four businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Eight FSE classes were conducted in August with 123 participants representing twenty-six facilities. Two classes were conducted in English, three classes were conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in Vietnamese and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Petroleum Low Threat Policy

Supervising ES Barry Marcus presented information on the Petroleum Low Threat Policy during a Local Oversight Program roundtable meeting held on August 10. Barry also shared the information at a meeting of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board held on August 31. Mr. Marcus noted that the policy covers closure requirements for low risk petroleum contaminated sites.

Sacramento Metro Chamber Of Commerce

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in a Business Walk in the Arden Arcade area presented by the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce. Roughly 25 businesses were interviewed during the walk and answered questions, including: How is business? (Answers varied from good to not so good). How do you like doing business in the Arden Arcade area? (All interviewees responded to the affirmative.) What could be done to improve business in Arden Arcade? (Answers included adding more bus stops, quicker Sheriff response, decreasing blight by utilizing County Code Enforcement staff, and decreasing vagrancy.) Business walks are conducted approximately four times per year.

Pool Training

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza conducted the final pool training session of the season for public pool operators, owners, and pool service companies. Training included information on the importance of proper pool maintenance and pool safety. A total of 6 people attended the final session; a total of 101 participants attended the pool training classes this season.

Abandoned Well Program

ES David Von Aspern shared information on EMD's Abandoned Well Program with members of the Z'Berg Park Neighborhood Association. Items discussed included abandoned wells, proper well inactivation and proper maintenance of wells.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support to the August 15th meeting of the SEC. Susan Strong, Retail Food Program Specialist, Food and Drug Division of the California Department of Public Health and representative to the California Retail Food Safety Coalition (CRFSC) shared information regarding the work of the Coalition. Michael DeAngelis, Manager, Energy Research & Development Department, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) explained newly signed Senate Bill X 1-2 and advised the members of the Commission regarding SMUD's use of renewable energy. Jeff Gamel, Senior Planner for Aggregates, Sacramento County Planning Department, reviewed current and potential mining projects in Sacramento County.

County Public Health Officer

EMD Director Val Siebal attended a celebration honoring County Health Officer Dr. Glennah Trochet's upon her retirement from County service.

Low Threat Closure Policy

EMD Director Val Siebal met with a member of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to discuss the new UST Low Threat Closure Policy (Supervising ES Barry Marcus participated in drafting the policy). Also discussed was the septic tank policy which is currently being drafted by SWRCB and the need to recognize septic pits, a system predominantly used in Sacramento County.

Small Water System/Local Primacy Agency

ES Cheryl Hawkins participated in a meeting of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Small Water System (SWS)/Local Primacy Agency (LPA) Committee meeting. Other participants at the meeting included CDPH Drinking Water and LPA staff. Items discussed included implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act with Small Water Systems; annular seal requirements in the Title 22 water works standards; clarification on the differences between National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) 61 and NSF 44 water contact certifications and implications of approving devices; the new SWS/LPA Committee Bylaws; and AB 1194—the new definition of water for human consumption.

Department Of Revenue Recovery

EMD Director Val Siebal and Elise Rothschild, Chief, Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) met with the Director and staff of the County Department of Revenue Recovery to review progress of collections being handled in behalf of EMD. Different strategies and prioritization of collections were discussed during the meeting.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Stormwater Management Conference

ESs Sean Daneluk and Sharon Merker attended a training conference on stormwater management. The conference focused on industrial stormwater control, best management practices and water quality monitoring.

Chemical Industry Outreach Workshop

Supervising ES John Elkins and ESs Robert Duncan and Sophia Johnston attended a chemical industry outreach workshop hosted by the Chemical Industry Council of California. Speakers included representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Disinfection Byproduct Webinar

ES Cheryl Hawkins participated in a Stage 2 Byproduct webinar presented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Items discussed included implementation of Stage 2 monitoring and compliance requirements for public water systems utilizing disinfection. Webinar attendees included water system operators, regulators and consultants from throughout the country.

AUGUST 2011 BY THE NUMBERS

		August 2011	To Date FY 2011-12
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	947	1,097
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	47	52
	C. Red – Closed	13	14
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	2	2
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,147	1,457
3.	Farm Labor Camps	20	25
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	554	1,772
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	21	43
6.	Liquid Waste	19	41
7.	Medical Waste	8	14
8.	Small Water Systems	3	4
9.	Wells	72	139
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	10	21
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	127	204
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	208	364
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	42	86
14.	Storm Water	148	202
15.	Waste Tire	62	116
16.	Tobacco Retailer	73	111
17.	Commercial Recycling	5	5
18.	Multi-Family Recycling	0	4
19.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	0	0
	Total	2,521	4,610
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	0	7
2.	Consumer Complaints	83	153
3.	Food Borne Illness	11	26
4.	Incident Response	13	42
5.	Solid Waste	4	11
6.	Storm Water	5	11
7.	Waste Tire	1	2
8.	Childhood Lead	1	1
	Total	118	253
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	123	286
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	4	6
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	29	29
	Total	156	321
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	423	754
2.	Monitoring Wells	122	180
3.	Food Facilities	109	212
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	107	248
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	11	21
6.	Land Use	9	19
7.	Local Oversight Program	2	4
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	2,024	3,418
	Total	2,807	4,856
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	14,479	25,441
2.	Public Record Reviews	28	50
	Total	14,507	25,491