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

Highlights

- EMD Releases Food App For Smartphones
- EMD Managers Attend McClellan Park Dedication
- EMD Participates In Statewide Medical Health Exercise

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sacramento County Recycling Program

Comstock Magazine, a capital region business publication contained an article on business recycling programs in September. The article provides a background of legislation and local ordinances that are driving greater recycling efforts, and it highlights the positive influences on local businesses of recycling. The article indicates local businesses have saved hundreds, even thousands of dollars annually through recycling. According to the article solid waste is a significant source of emissions contributing to global warming and recycling is one strategy to reduce it. The Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA) ordinance is positively contrasted with other parts of the State. The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) is responsible for enforcing SWA ordinances, in this case through its Business Recycling and Multifamily Recycling Programs. Marie Woodin, a program manager within the EMD Environmental Compliance Division was quoted in the article. She said that since the SWA business and recycling ordinance was passed in 2007 business recycling is up 58%, and that businesses could benefit from shopping the competitive market for waste hauling providers.

Smart Phone Food App



EMD has released free Sacramento Food phone apps for the Android and iPhone platforms, available in their respective application stores. Search for "Sacramento Food" or "Sac Food" to find the app. These applications are an extension of the mobile food website (m.ffi.saccounty.net) which indicates the latest food inspection results on a map for facilities in your immediate area. Through either the mobile website or the phone apps, users can view the most

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Continued)

Smart Phone Food App - Continued

recent food inspection results and have access to the full inspection report and inspection history on-line. Both the mobile website – which can be used by most current smart phones – and the Android and iPhone apps are designed to make it easier for residents and visitors to access food inspection data from their mobile devices. Information can be accessed on the go, without waiting to get back to a home or office computer.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with two businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Training/How To Green

Supervising Environmental Specialist Kelly McCoy provided Food Safety and “How to Get a Green” educational training to the management staff of a local supermarket in Folsom prior to their grand opening.

Liquid Waste Program—On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (Septic Systems)

ESs Eric Haupt and Terry Kociemba facilitated a two-day operation and maintenance training session at EMD for on-site wastewater treatment system representatives. The training was presented by representatives from the California Onsite Wastewater Association (COWA). Regulators and service providers from throughout California attended the training.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in September with 57 participants representing fifteen facilities. Two classes were conducted in English, one class was conducted in Spanish and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Community Health Fair

Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Margi Chatwood provided information on recycling at “Sienna on the Green”, a community health fair event held at Sienna Vista Apartments. Margi Chatwood provided information on California Redemption Value and other recyclable items; i.e. cardboard, paper and junk mail. Over 200 residents participated in the Health Fair.

McClellan Park Dedication

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Chief Elise Rothschild and ECD Deputy Chief Marie Woodin attended the dedication of a sixty-two acre CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act—commonly known as superfund) property located at McClellan Park. Congresswoman Matsui and other dignitaries were also in attendance to celebrate this first private/public partnership cleanup. ECD Deputy Chief Dana Booth played a key role in the remediation effort and worked to secure a buyer for the property. The confirmed buyer may employ up to 500 people. Tenants are confirmed for the remaining acreage.

Draft Low Threat Closure Policy

EMD staff shared information on the newly drafted Low Threat Closure Policy at five outreach meetings attended by a total of 380 people. The policy was developed to provide guidelines and criteria for closing low risk petroleum contaminated sites.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH (Continued)

Sustainable Business Awards

ECT Margi Chatwood represented EMD and the Solid Waste Authority at the Sustainable Business Awards and Expo. Margi Chatwood hosted an exhibit booth highlighting the county's recycling program. Awards were presented to environmentally conscious Sacramento area businesses that demonstrated an outstanding commitment to enhancing sustainability.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

North Central Local Enforcement Agency

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ESs Lea Gibson, Victoria Krohn and John Lewis attended a roundtable meeting of the North Central Enforcement Agency and received training on treated wood waste at solid waste facilities. Attendees also discussed how Local Enforcement Agencies conduct five year permit reviews and payment of solid waste facility fees.

Joint Committee on Recreational Water Facilities

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza attended a meeting of the NSF (formerly known as the National Sanitation Foundation) Joint Committee on Recreational Water Facilities. Proposed revisions/additions to the Recreational Water Facility Products Standard 50 were reviewed at the meeting.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support to the September 19 meeting of the SEC. Stacey McKinley, Project Manager, South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan, shared information on the goals of the joint body. David West, Bioterrorism Analyst with the County Public Health Division, explained the work of the Centers for Disease Control's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). Fernando Amador, Unit Chief, State Department of Toxic Substances Control and Fran Halbakken, Sacramento City Downtown Rail Yards Project Manager provided an update on the Sacramento Rail Yard Superfund Site. Representatives from Thomas Enterprises and Inland Empire were also available to answer questions regarding the Rail Yards Project.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, and EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez participated in the 56th Annual CCDEH Conference. Conference seminars included emergency response, fee activity, pets in food establishments and work place innovations. Chief Rogers facilitated the session pertaining to pets in retail food establishments and Deputy Chief Enriquez provided a report on activities of the National Environmental Health Association.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Recycled Water Program Overview 2011

ESs Cheryl Hawkins and Chris Hunley participated in webinar training titled, "California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Recycled Water Program Overview 2011". Items discussed during the webinar included recycled water production, allowed uses, regulators, CDPH's role, treatment technology, dual plumbing and cross connection control.

Statewide Medical Health Exercise

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos participated in a tabletop exercise sponsored by the Sacramento Department of Public Health and the Sacramento Regional Office of Homeland Security. The purpose of the exercise was to provide participants (including hospitals, fire districts, county agencies and water districts) an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans and capabilities for a response to a contaminated water supply in local hospitals.

SEPTEMBER 2011 BY THE NUMBERS

		September 2011	To Date FY 2011-12
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,328	2,425
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	65	117
	C. Red – Closed	9	23
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	3	5
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,628	3,085
3.	Farm Labor Camps	1	26
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	19	1,791
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	28	71
6.	Liquid Waste	19	60
7.	Medical Waste	5	19
8.	Small Water Systems	8	12
9.	Wells	95	234
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	13	34
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	127	331
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	213	577
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	37	123
14.	Storm Water	225	427
15.	Waste Tire	49	165
16.	Tobacco Retailer	12	123
17.	Commercial Recycling	34	39
18.	Multi-Family Recycling	2	6
19.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	0	0
	Total	2,518	7,128
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	0	7
2.	Consumer Complaints	62	215
3.	Food Borne Illness	8	34
4.	Incident Response	8	50
5.	Solid Waste	5	16
6.	Storm Water	3	14
7.	Waste Tire	0	2
8.	Childhood Lead	3	4
	Total	89	342
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	57	343
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	2	8
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	0	29
	Total	59	380
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	343	1,097
2.	Monitoring Wells	76	256
3.	Food Facilities	103	315
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	41	289
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	13	34
6.	Land Use	9	28
7.	Local Oversight Program	2	6
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,377	4,795
	Total	1,964	6,820
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	11,526	36,967
2.	Public Record Reviews	16	66
	Total	11,542	37,033