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

Highlights

- *EMD Receives Award For Abandoned Well Program*
- *Sacramento Hosts Regional Meeting Of Northern California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Group*

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Phil Serna, 1st District
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County Executive

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Administrator
Countywide Services Agency

Val F. Siebal, Director
Environmental Management
Department

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kevin J. Neese Award

Environmental Management Department (EMD) Director Val Siebal accepted the 2011 Kevin J. Neese Award from the California Groundwater Association in behalf of EMD's Abandoned Well Program. The Neese Award recognizes significant accomplishments by a person or entity that fosters the understanding, protection and management of groundwater.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with four businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in October with 84 participants representing twelve facilities. Two classes were conducted in English, two classes were conducted in Spanish and two classes were conducted in Cantonese.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

The Sacramento Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program hosted an educational exhibit in the lobby of the Sacramento County Administration Building on October 22 through October 28, 2011 in celebration of National Lead Week.

Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber Of Commerce

EMD Director Val Siebal attended a State of the County event hosted by the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce which highlighted Bradley J. Hudson, the County's new Chief Executive Officer. Director Siebal also participated in a meeting of the Chamber's Jobs and Business Growth Committee to foster communication with the business community.

Northern California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

The Sacramento Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program hosted the Regional Meeting of the Northern California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention group. Attendees received updates from represented counties as well as information regarding the Response and Surveillance System for Childhood Lead Exposures Data and the blood screening opportunities that doctor's miss. While blood lead level testing of children in Sacramento and throughout California has increased slightly, elevated blood lead levels are decreasing in Sacramento.

California Retail Food Safety Council

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez and Supervising Environmental Specialists (ESs) Mark Barcellos and Kelly McCoy attended a meeting of the California Retail Food Safety Council. Items discussed included Assembly Bill 688 – "use by" date for baby food and infant formula, Senate Bill (SB) 303 – California Food Handler Cards, and SB 20 – repealed State law and recognized Federal law regarding menu labeling.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support to the October meeting of the SEC. Sheri Smith, Senior Project Manager, Economic Development Department, City of Sacramento and Jay Radtke, Project Manager, Nolte Associates presented findings from the City of Sacramento Downtown Infrastructure Study. John Woodling, Executive Director, Regional Water Authority (RWA) shared information on the Principles for the Protection of the Local Water Supply. Mr. Woodling noted that the principles were adopted by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and will be submitted to local entities for consideration and adoption. Director Siebal demonstrated EMD's new Restaurant App developed by Geoff Marsh, Information Technology Manager.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

EnvisionConnect User Conference

Administrative Services Officer (ASO) III Sandra Leahy, Information Technology Analyst II Rob Milano, Supervising ES John Elkins, ESs Sara Cardozo, Amanda Hakim, Rashmi Nair and Mike Simpson, and Accounting Technician Sothea Chhang attended the Annual EnvisionConnect User Conference sponsored by Decade Software on October 3-4, 2011. The conference is a forum for users to learn new features and capabilities of EnvisionConnect. EnvisionConnect is the database software utilized by EMD to track inspections, violations and other regulated business information and to prepare reports and billing. Attendees received hands-on training in the areas of administration, reporting, fundamentals, accounting and waste management.

World Aquatic Health Conference

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza attended the World Aquatic Health Conference and received information on the latest science, technology and code requirements in the field of recreational health. Colleen also attended a meeting of the Model Aquatic Health Code Steering Committee to review information from technical committees for inclusion in the uniform model pool code that is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Swimming Pool Foundation.

OCTOBER 2011 BY THE NUMBERS

		October 2011	To Date FY 2011-12
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,282	3,707
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	54	171
	C. Red – Closed	12	35
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	5	10
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,494	4,579
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	26
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	9	1,800
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	21	92
6.	Liquid Waste	14	74
7.	Medical Waste	9	28
8.	Small Water Systems	2	14
9.	Wells	36	270
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	10	44
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	98	429
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	150	727
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	42	165
14.	Storm Water	209	636
15.	Waste Tire	52	217
16.	Tobacco Retailer	33	156
17.	Commercial Recycling	13	52
18.	Multi-Family Recycling	40	46
19.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	0	0
	Total	2,237	9,365
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	1	8
2.	Consumer Complaints	73	288
3.	Food Borne Illness	9	43
4.	Incident Response	11	61
5.	Solid Waste	3	19
6.	Storm Water	9	23
7.	Waste Tire	1	3
8.	Childhood Lead	0	4
	Total	107	449
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	84	427
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	4	12
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	0	29
	Total	88	468
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	319	1,416
2.	Monitoring Wells	144	400
3.	Food Facilities	85	400
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	33	322
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	29	63
6.	Land Use	5	33
7.	Local Oversight Program	4	10
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,596	6,391
	Total	2,215	9,035
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	15,537	52,504
2.	Public Record Reviews	20	86
	Total	15,557	52,590