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*Welcome to the March 2012 Environmental Management Department (EMD) Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments during the month of February 2012. Please forward comments, questions or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or [JimenezL@SacCounty.net](mailto:JimenezL@SacCounty.net)*

### **Highlights**

- *EMD Solicits Input On Five-Year Fee Ordinance*
- *Staff Attends Body Art Training Sponsored By California Conference Of Directors Of Environmental Health*
- *EMD Staff Presents Training Seminars At Certified Unified Program Agency Conference*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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## **COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH**

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with two businesses in attendance.

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in February with a total of 55 participants representing 18 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English and two classes were conducted in Spanish.

### Proposed Five-Year Fee Ordinance

EMD held several workshops to solicit input from industry representatives regarding the proposed five-year EMD fee ordinance. Environmental Health Division (EHD) staff also met with members of the California Restaurant Association and a Pacific Rim Culinary Committee working group to discuss the proposed ordinance. Participants were advised that no fee increases are contained in the proposed ordinance; all fees will remain at 2010-11 levels. Information on the proposed ordinance is available at <http://www.emd.saccounty.net/EMDFees.html>.

### Downtown Sacramento Partnership

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Chief Elise Rothschild and EHD Chief John Rogers met with members of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership to review EMD's draft fee ordinance. Partnership members were pleased that EMD is proposing to retain fees at their 2010 level.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

### County Public Health Officer

EMD Director Val Siebal invited Dr. Olivia Kasirye, newly appointment County Public Health Officer, to meet with EMD Division Chiefs to review department programs. Dr. Kasirye toured the EMD facility and was introduced to staff.

### Bay Area Medical Waste Advisory Group

Environmental Specialists (ESs) Anne Frey-Peters and Lea Gibson hosted a meeting of the Bay Area Medical Waste Advisory Group to discuss implementation of current and upcoming medical waste and body art regulations. Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ES Victoria Krohn also participated in the meeting.

### Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Juli Jensen, County Agricultural Commissioner to discuss projects of mutual interest, including above ground tank inspections at rural agricultural locations.

### Safe Body Art Working Group

EMD created a Safe Body Art Working Group to collaborate on the new body art law that is effective July 1, 2012. The Group is comprised of members of the body art industry and EHD staff including Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Mark Barcellos, ES Anne Frey-Peters, Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Lisa Robbins and Senior Office Specialist Kristin Ledbetter. Body art industry representatives were asked to provide input on aspects of the new law, application and inspection forms, site visits and program fees.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support to the February 27, 2012 meeting of the SEC. Joe Concannon, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), shared information on SACOG's Regional Consortium for Sustainable Communities. Julie Car, Project Manager, Wildlife Hazard Management Program, Sacramento County Department of Airports, presented results on their year-long wildlife hazard assessment. Director Siebal presented an overview of EMD's proposed five-year fee ordinance and the Commission voted to support the proposed ordinance.

### California Department Of Food And Agriculture (CDFA)

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos attended CDFA stakeholder meetings. Stakeholder groups, including state and county regulators, special interest, and food industry representatives are currently working on guidelines and clean-up language for sections of the California Food and Agriculture Code and the California Retail Food Code (CalCode) regarding certified farmers markets, farm stands, and community supported agriculture. Stakeholders have lobbied for the correction of discrepancies and deficiencies in the Codes, including reference to new practices for community supported agriculture distribution.

## **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference**

EMD Director Val Siebal and several ECD staff members attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual CUPA Conference. Attendees received information on hazardous materials and waste, underground and aboveground storage tanks, contaminated site cleanup, and regulatory enforcement. The Conference also served as a forum for government regulators and regulated business representatives to discuss both successes and areas of improvement in the collaborative environment.

### **Body Art Training**

EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos and Jeff Czapla, ES Anne Frey-Peters and ECT Lisa Robbins attended Body Art Training sponsored by the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH). Attendees (industry and regulatory) participated in a 2-hour blood borne pathogen training session and received detailed information on the July 1 implementation of the new Safe Body Art law.

### **Conflict Management In The Workplace**

Several EMD staff members received conflict management training for lead workers. Training focused on individual response to conflict and provided attendees with suggestions for managing conflict.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference**

Supervising ES Barry Marcus and ES Charley Langer presented information on the use of statistics to elevate trends in groundwater contamination data. Supervising ES Barry Marcus also presented information on the site designation process, and served as a panel member during a discussion on the implications of the proposed Low-Threat Petroleum Policy to the investigation, remediation and closure of petroleum-contaminated sites. ES Doug Osborn presented information on Plan Check for Underground Storage Tanks (UST) which focused on the review of new UST installation proposals. ES Justin Ross assisted Mr. Osborn during the presentation. ES Robert Duncan presented information on Sacramento County's emergency response during a Level 3 hazardous materials incident, a hazardous waste tire fire, that occurred on Elder Creek Road in 2011. ES Heather Tanner and ECT Alicia Scott presented information on a Sacramento County enforcement case involving improperly stored PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) lighting ballasts during a building renovation. The lighting contractor, Smart Watt, and the building owner, State of California Department of General Services, settled the enforcement case for \$35,000.

**FEBRUARY 2012 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>February 2012</b>	<b>To Date FY 2011-12</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,108	8,014
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	50	384
	C. Red – Closed	5	65
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	5	40
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,497	10,071
3.	Farm Labor Camps	4	30
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	1,806
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	18	181
6.	Liquid Waste	11	139
7.	Medical Waste	13	109
8.	Small Water Systems	1	25
9.	Wells	50	473
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	60	777
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	84	1,208
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	35	319
13.	Storm Water	203	1,549
14.	Waste Tire	7	398
15.	Tobacco Retailer	28	287
16.	Commercial Recycling	74	321
17.	Multi-Family Recycling	209	441
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>3</u>	<u>249</u>
	Total	2,303	18,423
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	3	18
2.	Consumer Complaints	61	528
3.	Food Borne Illness	11	102
4.	Incident Response	15	155
5.	Solid Waste	3	34
6.	Storm Water	12	55
7.	Waste Tire	2	6
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
	Total	107	902
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	55	587
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	2	23
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>123</u>
	Total	57	733
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	366	2,791
2.	Monitoring Wells	149	741
3.	Food Facilities	86	723
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	9	416
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	10	119
6.	Land Use	6	59
7.	Local Oversight Program	2	22
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,274</u>	<u>12,867</u>
	Total	1,912	17,738
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,316	94,559
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>18</u>	<u>156</u>
	Total	9,334	94,715