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Welcome to the May 2012 Environmental Management Department (EMD) Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments during April 2012. Please forward comments, questions or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net

Highlights

- *EMD Provides Training To Members Of Northern California Korean Dry Cleaners Association*
- *2012 California Environmental Health Association Statewide Educational Symposium Held In Sacramento*
- *Heather Tanner Elected CHMIA President*

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with five businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in April with a total of 113 participants representing 12 facilities. Three classes were conducted in English and three classes were conducted in Spanish.

Northern California Korean Dry Cleaners Association

Environmental Specialist (ES) Doug Osborn provided training on the primary elements of a hazardous material/hazardous waste inspection at a dry cleaning facility during a meeting of the Northern California Korean Dry Cleaners Association. The training session was videotaped by ES Brion McGinness for future use.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

California Department Of Public Health

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Kelvin Yamada, newly appointed Environmental Management Branch Chief of the California Department of Public Health, to discuss recreational health program issues and available funding for local programs.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the April 16, 2012 meeting of the SEC. Larry Greene, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), presented information on the SMAQMD Wood Smoke Report; Steve Harriman, Integrated Waste General Manager, Department of Utilities, City of Sacramento, shared information on the City's recyclable and yard waste collection programs; and the 2011 Environmental Recognition Awards were presented.

State Water Resources Control Board

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Tam Doduc, State Water Resources Control Board member. Items discussed during the meeting included AB 885 (the new Statewide Septic Systems Policy) and Supervising ES Barry Marcus' participation in the development of the Board policy on low risk closures of underground tanks.

Pool Construction Regulation

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza and ES Rashmi Nair attended a meeting of Title 24 Public Pool Construction Stakeholders. In attendance were regulators from local jurisdictions and the State Department of Public Health, as well as pool industry representatives. Attendees discussed suggested changes to Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations as it relates to public pools.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which featured a presentation on the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – How to Comply with Disability Access Law and Avoid Lawsuits" by Marc B. Koenigsberg, Esq. Mr. Koenigsberg is an attorney with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig.

Body Art Technical Advisory Committee

EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez and Supervising ES Mark Barcellos attended a meeting of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health Body Art Technical Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from California counties and from the body art industry. Attendees discussed proposed guidelines for the recently passed Safe Body Art Act (AB 300) and language within the Act which is in need of revision.

Sacramento Area Sustainable Business Program

EMD Director Val Siebal attended an event recognizing twelve Starbucks locations for sustainable commitment and practices in the areas of energy conservation, water conservation, pollution prevention, solid waste reduction, green building, and transportation and air quality. Also in attendance were Kerri Howell, Mayor, City of Folsom and County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association (CHMIA)

Supervising ES John Elkins and ES Heather Tanner attended the 2012 CHMIA Conference. Representatives from local and state regulatory agencies and district attorney offices from throughout the state met at the conference to discuss enforcement of hazardous materials/hazardous waste regulations. Congratulations to Heather on her election as CHMIA President for the upcoming year.

Team Building Training

Several EMD staff members attended a Team Building for Leads training session. Attendees received information on the four stages of team development, how to identify the development stage of their team, and tips to utilize when supporting their team. The training was provided as part of a series of classes provided by the County Department of Personnel, Leadership and Organizational Development to county staff that have, or will have, lead worker responsibilities.

2012 Annual Educational Symposium (AES)

Each year the California Environmental Health Association (CEHA), a non-profit association committed to providing growth and development for environmental health professionals, presents an Annual Educational Symposium. Sacramento County and CEHA's local Superior Chapter hosted this year's premier educational event. The event provided a tremendous opportunity to increase knowledge and raise awareness of the environmental health profession.

The AES was held in Sacramento from April 2 through April 5. Over 500 environmental health professionals from throughout California participated in the AES. EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES's Colleen Maitoza, John Elkins and Barry Marcus, and ESs Lisa Perez, Heather Tanner and David Von Aspern shared their expertise regarding what to do when a key staff person resigns, food handler cards, California's new pool code, underground storage tank operational compliance, EMD's Abandoned Well Program, basic hazardous material/hazardous waste requirements for business, and regulatory issues pertaining to a retail store.

Kerri Aiello, EMD Communications and Media Officer, was presented with the 2012 CEHA Media Award at the Awards Luncheon held on April 4. The Media Award is normally presented to a journalist who has written an article which has enhanced or promoted the field of environmental health professionals through the medium of newspaper, magazine, radio, television, etc., but CEHA's Superior Chapter members felt that Kerri's countless hours of devotion to promoting environmental health was deserving of recognition. Kerri has overseen 17 press releases and worked tirelessly with reporters, journalists, community activists, and homeowners associations. Kerri has also provided media training to EMD employees who regularly respond to public interest topics. Congratulations Kerri on a job well done!

The 2012 AES Committee spent a considerable amount of personal time organizing this very successful event. The AES was co-chaired by ESs Jane Auyeung and Rashmi Nair. The following EMD staff members served on the AES Planning Committee: EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez; Supervising ESs Colleen Maitoza and Lisa Todd; ESs Sonia Andrusiak, Sara Cardozo, Dennis Catanyag, Shirley Fong, Cheryl Hawkins, Debbie Katz, Elizabeth Olson, Jannine Talusik and Kari Wagner. The Committee thanks the EMD family for its support of, and participation in, the 2012 AES.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Groundwater Resources Association

ES David Von Aspern shared information on EMD's Abandoned Well Program which was created to help prevent contamination of groundwater resources and to address unsafe conditions posed by abandoned water wells at the monthly meeting of the Groundwater Resources Association. Meeting participants included industry consultants, representatives from State and local regulatory agencies, and other interested parties.

APRIL 2012 BY THE NUMBERS

		April 2012	To Date FY 2011-12
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	988	10,191
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	35	473
	C. Red – Closed	7	79
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	3	46
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,224	12,735
3.	Farm Labor Camps	4	38
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	10	1,817
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	22	227
6.	Liquid Waste	10	161
7.	Medical Waste	11	125
8.	Small Water Systems	5	33
9.	Wells	61	590
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	68	935
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	95	1,406
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	40	414
13.	Storm Water	126	1,885
14.	Waste Tire	77	475
15.	Tobacco Retailer	51	365
16.	Commercial Recycling	59	465
17.	Multi-Family Recycling	81	581
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>0</u>	<u>249</u>
	Total	1,947	22,547
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	6	37
2.	Consumer Complaints	47	629
3.	Food Borne Illness	5	117
4.	Incident Response	12	180
5.	Solid Waste	4	44
6.	Storm Water	1	72
7.	Waste Tire	0	66
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
	Total	75	1,152
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	113	779
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	1	25
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>123</u>
	Total	114	927
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	590	3,971
2.	Monitoring Wells	28	807
3.	Food Facilities	95	903
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	20	455
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	7	131
6.	Land Use	8	69
7.	Local Oversight Program	1	26
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,152</u>	<u>15,684</u>
	Total	1,901	22,046
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,201	113,884
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>22</u>	<u>209</u>
	Total	9,223	114,093