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

Highlights

- *Pool Team Receives Dr. Neil Lowry Memorial Award*
- *EMD Staff Presents Information At NEHA Annual Educational Conference*

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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Food Safety Tips

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Zarha Ruiz was interviewed by KCRA Channel 3 regarding helpful food safety tips for use by the public during the Fourth of July holiday. ES Ruiz demonstrated proper hand washing techniques, proper food temperatures and cross contamination issues to avoid when preparing food.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2012 Dr. Neil Lowry Memorial Award

EMD's Pool Team (Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza, Chair; Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos and Jeff Czapla; ESs Judinae Ablang, Janet Martin, Rashmi Nair, Manroop Shergill, Jannine Talusik and Toua Yang and Environmental Compliance Technician Lisa Robbins) received the 2012 Dr. Neil Lowry Memorial Award. The national award is presented by the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP) in recognition of outstanding contributions by public health officials toward advancing safer and healthier use of recreational water.

The Pool Team and EMD's Environmental Health Division were recognized for the development of a "Swimming Pool/Spa Workshop" for all public, commercial and multi-family pool operators and service companies in Sacramento County. The workshop curriculum focuses on compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act/AB 1020 (anti-entrapment device requirements). The goal of providing the workshops is to educate operators/service companies and to reduce the occurrence of major violations related to recreational water illnesses and accidents.

EMD recorded a 52% reduction in major violations by attendee facilities in 2010 and a 38% reduction in 2011. Thanks to Senior Office Assistant Terah Newland and ES Kari Wagner for preparing the Awards Nomination packet for submittal to APSP.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with three businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in June with a total of 93 participants representing 23 facilities. Three classes were conducted in English, one class was conducted in Spanish and two classes were conducted in Cantonese.

Mobile Food Facility Workshops

Supervising ES Jeff Czapla and ES Tuan Nguyen presented two mobile food facility workshops to discuss recent enhancements in the mobile food program. Enhancements include the online posting of mobile food inspection reports and the performance of two routine inspections of the coach style cooking trucks per year. Also discussed were computer based tablet inspections which would allow printed reports to be provided to each operator during the inspection. Approximately 40 operators attended the workshops.

Pool Training Workshops

Two pool training workshops were conducted for public pool operators, owners and pool service companies. The training provided information on proper pool maintenance, pool safety and public pool and spa inspections conducted by EMD. Thirty-three attendees participated in the training workshops.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the June 18, 2012 meeting of the SEC. Michael Wiley, Executive Director, Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) District, presented information on RT's "Green Line" build out and budget projects; Supervising ES Mark Barcellos presented information regarding the County's new Agriculture Tourism Ordinances for wineries, farm stands, and farm stays; and Kathryn Oliver, Environmental Engineer, Clean World Partners, shared information regarding installation of the nation's first of anaerobic food waste digesters at the American River Packaging facility in Sacramento.

California Well Standards

ES Susan Williams participated in a meeting of the Water Well Standards Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health. The Committee is composed of individuals from the California Groundwater Association, several California counties, water districts, and the drilling community. The focus of the meeting was to discuss proposed revisions to the California Well Standards (California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Bulletin 74-81/74-90).

ESs Cheryl Hawkins and Susan Williams, other Well Standards Committee members, and the lobbyist from the California Groundwater Association met with Christina McCready, Chief, Regional Planning Branch, DWR and other DWR staff to discuss proposed revisions to Bulletin 74-81/74-90. DWR has received limited funding to advance the standards and the CCDEH Well Standards Committee will be transmitting proposed standards to DWR within the next several weeks.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

National Environmental Health Association 76th Annual Educational Conference

EMD Director Val Siebal presented information at the 76th Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association regarding EMD's experimental program whereby low risk well closures are streamed by smartphone from the field to the EMD office.

Environmental Health Division Chief John Rogers participated in a session on conflicting federal and state laws as they pertain to medical marijuana dispensaries in California.

ES Kari Wagner shared information on EMD's implementation of a mobile app and QR code which is available on smartphone devices as an avenue to secure inspection results and the location of your nearest eatery

JUNE 2012 BY THE NUMBERS

		June 2012	To Date FY 2011-12
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	778	12,322
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	49	581
	C. Red – Closed	7	89
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	6	55
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,079	15,451
3.	Farm Labor Camps	4	48
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	345	2,174
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	24	272
6.	Liquid Waste	16	197
7.	Medical Waste	12	140
8.	Small Water Systems	10	50
9.	Wells	67	701
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	75	1,096
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	100	1,650
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	40	505
13.	Storm Water	61	2,074
14.	Waste Tire	124	720
15.	Tobacco Retailer	12	407
16.	Commercial Recycling	23	570
17.	Multi-Family Recycling	0	600
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>0</u>	<u>249</u>
	Total	1,998	26,959
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	5	50
2.	Consumer Complaints	82	793
3.	Food Borne Illness	10	143
4.	Incident Response	13	202
5.	Solid Waste	9	61
6.	Storm Water	12	93
7.	Waste Tire	0	67
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
	Total	131	1,417
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	93	917
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	3	29
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>123</u>
	Total	96	1,069
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	378	4,789
2.	Monitoring Wells	120	1,013
3.	Food Facilities	94	1,101
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	22	507
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	11	153
6.	Land Use	34	111
7.	Local Oversight Program	3	32
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>2,623</u>	<u>20,392</u>
	Total	3,285	28,098
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,946	132,919
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>14</u>	<u>242</u>
	Total	10,960	133,161