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

### ***Highlights***

- *Media Interview Regarding Safe Body Art Law*
- *Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program Audited*
- *EMD Increases Unpermitted Food Vendor Sweeps*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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### **NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION**

#### **Safe Body Art Law**

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Mark Barcellos was interviewed by KXTL Fox 40 regarding the Safe Body Art Act (AB 300) which took effect on July 1. Supervising ES Barcellos shared information on EMD's inspection program for body art facilities and noted how the new law protects clients and body artists from transmission of infectious diseases.

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez and ES Anne Frey were interviewed by Ed Fletcher of The Sacramento Bee regarding the Safe Body Art Act. Mr. Fletcher accompanied ES Frey during a routine inspection at a body art facility.

#### **EMD Programs**

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez, and Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Deputy Chief Marie Woodin met with Cynthia Craft, Senior Writer of Public Health for The Sacramento Bee to review EMD programs. Additional time was spent discussing food safety inspections, the Green/Yellow/Red Placard program and the new Safe Body Art Law.

## **NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program Audit**

Supervising ES Ryan Bailey and ESs Sophia Johnston and Sharon Merker participated in an audit of EMD's Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program. The audit was performed by representatives from: Region 9, Clean Water Act Compliance Office, United States Environmental Protection Agency, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. The audit included a review of EMD policies, procedures, business files, inspection reports, return to compliance documents, complaint forms, and other related documents. The audit included a field component whereby auditors accompanied ES Sharon Merker during stormwater inspections. EMD received positive comments and were advised that the auditors do not anticipate any negative findings for EMD's program.

## **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)**

Four FSE classes were conducted in August with a total of 35 participants representing nine facilities. Two classes were conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in English, and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

### **Pool Training Class**

EHD Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza conducted the final pool training workshop of the summer for pool operators, owners and pool service companies. Attendees received information on proper pool maintenance, pool safety, and public pool and spa inspections conducted by EMD. Twenty-five attendees participated in the training class.

### **Certified Backflow Prevention Testers**

ES Chris Hunley presented two training workshops to educate certified testers of backflow prevention devices within Sacramento County on how to use EMD's online web portal to upload their test results into EMD's database. Senior Information Technology Analyst Jim Guilliams, Senior Office Assistant Eugene Abelardo and Office Assistant Shelley Emery provided staff support at the training workshops.

### **Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA)**

ES David Von Aspern shared information on EMD's Abandoned Well Program (AWP) as the keynote speaker at a meeting of the SAWWA. The presentation was part of EMD's continuing outreach and education efforts for regulated entities and the general public. SAWWA is comprised of representatives from municipalities and special districts charged with supplying potable water and similar public utility services. Guests at the meeting included bankers and natural resource consultants. Approximately 50+ members and guests attended the meeting.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

### **Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)**

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the August 20, 2012 meeting of the SEC. Karla Nemeth, California Natural Resources Agency and Gordon Enas, California Department of Water Resources Commission presented an overview of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the concurrent Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program.

### **Unpermitted Food Vendor Sweeps**

EHD's Unpermitted Food Vendor Team (Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs Manuel Estrada, Steve Moua, Tuan Nguyen and Kari Wagner) and Sacramento City Code Enforcement staff have increased vendor sweeps to two times weekly in order to focus on specific areas/complaints. Some recent sweeps focused on vendors near elementary schools. Many unpermitted food carts have been impounded and food from unapproved sources has been discarded.

### **Food Industry Working Group**

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which included a discussion on the 2012 Awards of Excellence and Food Safety Month. Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ES Jason Smalley provided information on food safety inspections at the 2012 State Fair and EHD Chief John Rogers noted that other Northern California counties may soon be emulating EMD's Green/Yellow/Fed Placard Program.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **Sacramento Regional Fire Prevention Officers Association**

Supervising ESs Ryan Bailey and John Elkins presented an overview of Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) programs and provided an update on California Electronic Reporting System (CERS) requirements for electronic placement of chemical inventory information collected from local businesses into the CalEPA CERS system. Representatives from various fire departments within Sacramento county and the surrounding area participated in the meeting.

## **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

### **California Water Wells Symposium**

ESs Cheryl Hawkins, David Von Aspern and Susan Williams and Environmental Compliance Technician Lisa Christy attended the California Water Wells Symposium hosted by the Groundwater Resources Association. ES Williams participated in a panel discussion titled, "Authority and Accountability for Wells in California—Who is Responsible". ES Hawkins participated in a panel discussion regarding "Well Standards—Bulletin 74 Update"; and ES Von Aspern moderated a panel discussion on "Abandoned Wells—to Destroy or Not to Destroy—Destruction Methods".

### **FDA Program Standards**

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ES Kari Wagner attended a three-day workshop presented by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and participated in a discussion regarding implementation of the FDA's nine program standards that are designed to assist counties in the continuous improvement of food safety programs.

**AUGUST 2012 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>August 2012</b>	<b>To Date FY 2012-13</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	621	823
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	32	46
	C. Red – Closed	6	8
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	4	6
2.	Body Art	97	124
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	793	1,290
4.	Farm Labor Camps	0	4
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	805	1,965
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	21	40
7.	Liquid Waste	24	60
8.	Medical Waste	8	13
9.	Small Water Systems	2	4
10.	Wells	70	110
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	79	135
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	90	195
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	37	75
14.	Storm Water	65	122
15.	Waste Tire	95	160
16.	Tobacco Retailer	20	27
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	42	102
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	2,252	4,432
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	15	26
2.	Consumer Complaints	100	160
3.	Food Borne Illness	12	21
4.	Incident Response	15	26
5.	Solid Waste	12	18
6.	Storm Water	11	26
7.	Waste Tire	0	0
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total	167	279
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	35	106
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	5	7
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	40	113
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	377	1,027
2.	Monitoring Wells	199	353
3.	Food Facilities	89	197
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	41	57
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	4	14
6.	Land Use	2	5
7.	Local Oversight Program	4	7
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,651</u>	<u>3,200</u>
	Total	2,367	4,860
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	14,996	23,878
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>20</u>	<u>34</u>
	Total	15,016	23,912