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

Highlights

- *Cheryl Hawkins Receives CCDEH Presidential Citation*
- *EMD Issues 2011-12 Food Safety “Awards Of Excellence”*
- *Lea Gibson Presents Information Regarding Role of Local Enforcement Agency In Anaerobic Digestion Projects*

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COUNTYWIDE SERVICES

Chief Deputy County Executive

EMD Director Val Siebel and executive staff members briefed Ann Edwards, newly appointed Chief Deputy County Executive, Countywide Services, regarding EMD programs and budget. Ms. Edwards previously participated in EMD’s Strategic Plan and is familiar with the department’s mission. A ride-along was scheduled so that Ms. Edwards could experience a food inspection.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CCDEH Presidential Citation

Supervising ES Cheryl Hawkins was presented with a Presidential Citation at the 57th Annual Conference of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH). Cheryl was recognized for her contribution as Chair of the CCDEH Water Well Technical Advisory Committee.

Food Safety “Awards of Excellence”

Awards of Excellence in Food Safety were issued to 773 retail food facilities with exemplary inspections during 2011-12. Five of the awards were presented at the September 11 meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with three businesses in attendance.

Retail Store Workshop

EMD's Retail Store Inspection Team: ESs Christine Abad, Daniel Abellon, Robert Duncan, Dennis Karidis, Eric Sutton, and Heather Tanner presented a two-hour workshop regarding hazardous waste regulations for different types of retail stores. Twelve participants representing six organizations attended the workshop. Information was well received and participants left the meeting with an in-depth understanding of hazardous waste regulations needed to bring their organizations into compliance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in September with a total of 32 participants representing six facilities. One class was conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in English, and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the September 16, 2012 meeting of the SEC. Susan Oto, Governmental Affairs Representative, Legislative and Regulatory Division, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, presented an update on the status of, and future plans for, electric car infrastructure in Sacramento County. Don Thomas, Senior Planner, County Department of Water Resources, shared information regarding water agencies involved in the Delta and why the County Board of Supervisors did not support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Water Well Technical Advisory Committee

Supervising ES Cheryl Hawkins and ES Susan Williams participated in the quarterly meeting of the CCDEH Water Well Technical Advisory Committee. Issues discussed included the draft standards for groundwater heat exchange wells, well construction, regional water quality control requirements for backflow devices on agricultural wells, dry well fact sheet, contractor license requirements for federal projects, AB 1616 – Cottage Food industry potable water requirements, and Point of Entry (POE)/Point of Use (POU) devices.

Recreational Health Joint Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza participated in the annual meeting of the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) which was held to discuss ballot changes to NSF Standard 50 for recreational health equipment and products.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

EHD Chief John Rogers shared information regarding AB 1616, the recently passed Cottage Food bill at the Western Region Conference of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The legislation, which goes into effect on January 1, 2013, will allow limited, non-potentially hazardous foods to be prepared in a residence and sold to the public or at the wholesale level.

57th Annual California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health Conference
EHD Chief John Rogers shared information regarding AB 1616, the recently passed Cottage Food bill.

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza presented information on “The Reduction of Major Violations Through Education and Workshops in Environmental Health”. ES Maitoza discussed how EMD lowered the number of major violations found during routine pool inspections by providing free educational workshops for pool operators.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

California Bioresources Alliance Symposium

ESs Lea Gibson and Victoria Krohn attended the 7th Annual California Bioresources Alliance Symposium sponsored by Region 9 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ES Gibson presented information on the role of the Local Enforcement Agency in permitting anaerobic digestion projects. The symposium brought together organic residuals industry professionals, municipalities, regulators, legislators, researchers, financiers and other stakeholders involved with manures, biosolids, food wastes, green wastes, animal wastes and other organic residuals in California.

PERSONNEL

Promotion

Cheryl Hawkins was promoted to an ES IV (Supervising Environmental Specialist) in the Environmental Compliance Division.

SEPTEMBER 2012 BY THE NUMBERS

		September 2012	To Date FY 2012-13
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,129	1,952
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	60	106
	C. Red – Closed	18	26
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	2	8
2.	Body Art	57	181
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,455	2,745
4.	Farm Labor Camps	0	4
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	28	1,993
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	25	65
7.	Liquid Waste	19	79
8.	Medical Waste	4	17
9.	Small Water Systems	5	9
10.	Wells	54	164
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	77	212
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	110	305
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	29	104
14.	Storm Water	105	227
15.	Waste Tire	67	227
16.	Tobacco Retailer	46	73
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	51	153
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	2,134	6,566
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	5	31
2.	Consumer Complaints	58	218
3.	Food Borne Illness	13	34
4.	Incident Response	12	38
5.	Solid Waste	17	35
6.	Storm Water	11	37
7.	Waste Tire	0	0
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	Total	117	396
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	32	138
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	3	10
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	35	148
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	188	1,215
2.	Monitoring Wells	61	414
3.	Food Facilities	70	267
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	14	71
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	7	21
6.	Land Use	2	7
7.	Local Oversight Program	1	8
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,425</u>	<u>4,625</u>
	Total	1,768	6,628
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	11,022	34,900
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>20</u>	<u>54</u>
	Total	11,042	34,954