



10590 Armstrong Avenue · Mather, CA 95655 · (916) 875-8444 · FAX (916) 875-8588

November 2012

Volume 11, Number 11

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

### ***Highlights***

- *Hazardous Materials Business Plan Workshops*
- *Food Industry Working Group*
- *Educational Exhibit Regarding Childhood Lead Prevention*
- *Cottage Food (AB 1616) Workshop*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Phil Serna, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Jimmie Yee, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Susan Peters, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Roberta MacGlashan, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Don Nottoli, 5<sup>th</sup> District

Bradley J. Hudson  
County Executive

Ann Edwards  
Chief Deputy County Executive  
Countywide Services

Val F. Siebal, Director  
Environmental Management  
Department

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

### **Hazardous Materials Business Plans (HMP) Workshops**

One HMP workshop was held with five businesses in attendance. A new California law took effect in 2008 that requires that all regulated businesses within the Unified Program use computers to enter program data, including HMPs, into a statewide information system beginning January 1, 2013.

EMD is in the process of enhancing its web portal to allow businesses to submit their HMP information electronically via the portal. The information submitted will be reviewed by EMD staff and electronically forwarded to the statewide database. EMD's hazardous materials program regulates approximately 4,129 businesses which are affected by the new law. EMD will hold weekly training workshops to assist affected businesses in meeting the new regulations. Computer workstations will also be available in the EMD lobby for use by business owners.

### **Food Safety Education (FSE)**

Two FSE classes were conducted in October with a total of 20 participants representing six facilities. One class was conducted in Spanish and one class was conducted in English.

### Food Industry Working Group

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which included a discussion on Proposition 37 – Genetically Engineered Foods and its impact on retail markets. Discussion was also held regarding implementation of AB 1616, the recently enacted Cottage Food Bill and Environmental Specialist Heather Tanner presented information on “Retail Markets and the Handling of Hazardous Waste”. (Proposition 37 was defeated in the November election.)

### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

EMD presented an educational exhibit in the lobby of the Sacramento County Administration Building from October 21 through October 27, 2012 in observance of Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. The exhibit included a list of lead sources, preventative measures and general information. Available handouts (some multi-lingual) included: (1) Information regarding lead poisoning; (2) Reminders for parents to contact their physician to determine blood lead levels in their children; (3) List of cooking and tableware which contain lead; (4) Environmental Protection Agency regulations for landlords, contractors and painters; (5) Reducing lead when renovating or remodeling; and (6) Stickers for children and paint paddles for contractors with a list of lead sources and lead reduction information.

Confirmed lead cases are trending up this year. The increase in confirmed cases could be a result of increased testing, immigration, and renovation of older homes.

### Cottage Food Workshop

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers and Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez hosted a workshop regarding AB 1616 for city and county planners. Zoning and land use issues were discussed at the workshop. Differences in the city and county home license ordinances were discussed (signage, number of non-family employees, number of visitors/8 hours).

### Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB)

EMD Director Val Siebal met with the Chief Deputy of the CVRWQB to discuss interaction between the county and the Board. Director Siebal advised the Chief Deputy that EMD will submit a Local Area Management Plan (LAMP) in May. The Chief Deputy expressed concern regarding the current unavailability of funding for the review of submitted LAMPs.

### California Office Of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

EMD Director Val Siebal met with the Chief Deputy of OEHHA to discuss the effect of the Cumulative Impacts program currently being developed. It is proposed that communities with high cumulative impact scores will receive a portion of cap and trade permit monies. The new Cumulative Impacts program will be used to calculate scores based upon air pollution and industry practices close to homes.

### California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

EMD Director Val Siebal met with executive members of the California DTSC to discuss recent restructuring and futures plans for improved coordination within DTSC. Retirements are opening the door for new options to organizational structures.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

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

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the October 15, 2012 meeting of the SEC. Alisa Okelo-Odongo, Senior Government Relations Representative, Pacific Gas & Electric, shared information regarding the gas pipeline infrastructure within Sacramento County. Richard Johnson, Executive Officer for the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, provided an update on the certification of, encroachment upon, and the battle regarding vegetation on levees within the county. John Rogers, Chief, Environmental Health Division presented information regarding AB 1616 (the new cottage food law) and requested support for EMD's revised fee ordinance which includes costs to develop and implement a cottage food program.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **2012 World Aquatic Health Conference**

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza served as a co-presenter at a session on the Model Aquatic Health Code: Circulation, Ventilation and Filtration at the 2012 World Aquatic Health Conference. Attendees at the yearly conference receive information on the latest science, technology and code requirements in the field of recreational health.

## **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

### **Train The Trainer**

ESs Justin Ross and Mike Simpson attended a "Train the Trainer" educational event sponsored by the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum. The Forum is a statewide association of CUPAs and participating agencies that implement the statewide unified program. Seminars included topics such as Getting and Keeping Adult Learners Interested, Making Learning Stick, Increasing the Clarity of Your Message, Using Visual Aids, Handling Presentation Anxiety, and Designing and Delivering Presentations. ESs Ross and Simpson participated in the seminar on Designing and Delivering Presentations. Approximately 25 inspectors/environmental specialist participated in the two-day educational event led by Tom Rogers and Keirsten Quest from the University of California Extension Program.

**OCTOBER 2012 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>October 2012</b>	<b>To Date FY 2012-13</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,495	3,447
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	96	202
	C. Red – Closed	14	40
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	4	12
2.	Body Art	44	225
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,833	4,578
4.	Farm Labor Camps	0	4
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	12	2,005
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	20	85
7.	Liquid Waste	18	97
8.	Medical Waste	7	24
9.	Small Water Systems	1	10
10.	Wells	74	238
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	63	275
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	98	403
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	43	147
14.	Storm Water	173	400
15.	Waste Tire	88	315
16.	Tobacco Retailer	31	104
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	86	239
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
	Total	2,619	9,185
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	9	40
2.	Consumer Complaints	100	318
3.	Food Borne Illness	21	55
4.	Incident Response	12	50
5.	Solid Waste	2	37
6.	Storm Water	1	38
7.	Waste Tire	2	2
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	Total	150	546
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	20	158
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	5	15
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	25	173
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	346	1,561
2.	Monitoring Wells	88	502
3.	Food Facilities	58	325
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	27	98
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	12	33
6.	Land Use	8	15
7.	Local Oversight Program	2	10
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,393</u>	<u>6,108</u>
	Total	1,934	8,562
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,527	45,427
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>12</u>	<u>66</u>
	Total	10,539	45,493