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Welcome to the January 2013 Environmental Management Department (EMD) Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred during December 2012. Please forward comments, questions or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net

Highlights

- *Title 22 Stakeholder Meeting Held At EMD*
- *EMD Hosts Hazwoper Training*
- *Staff Participates In Incident Command Disaster Training*

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in December with a total of 48 participants representing four facilities. One class was conducted in English, one class was conducted in Spanish, and one class was conducted in Korean.

California Environmental Reporting System (CERS)

Three workshops were held to assist businesses with electronic reporting of Hazardous Materials Business Plans as mandated by the California Environmental Protection Agency. Forty-four people representing thirty-one businesses participated in the workshops.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two people representing one business attended a HMP workshop provided by the Department.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

California Restaurant Association (CRA)

EMD Director Val Siebal met with the President of CRA to discuss pending legislation and industry relations. EMD received accolades from the CRA President and staff regarding interaction with CRA members.

County Executive Office

EMD Director Val Siebal and executive staff met with Jedd Hampton, newly hired County budget analyst. Discussion included a review of EMD's special fund budget and an overview of Department programs. Positive performance measures and the impact of EMD programs on public health and the environment were emphasized during the meeting. Ride-a-longs will be scheduled to familiarize Mr. Hampton with inspection processes in both the Environmental Compliance and Environment Health Divisions.

California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Felicia Marcus, newly appointed SWRCB Board member, to discuss EMD's liquid waste, stormwater, and underground storage tank programs. Ms. Marcus and Director Siebal previously collaborated during Ms. Marcus' tenure as Region 9 Administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

California Code of Regulations – Title 22

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza hosted a meeting of the Title 22 Stakeholder Group to discuss proposed changes to the Code as it relates to public pool construction, maintenance, cleaning, and water clarity. The Stakeholder Group included contractors/members of the pool industry, California Department of Public Health staff and local environmental health inspectors.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGHazwoper Training

EMD hosted an 8-hour Hazwoper Refresher Course, which was presented by a Sacramento County Safety Specialist, and tailored to the needs of Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) inspection staff. Several ECD staff members attended the training, which is an annual requirement for persons who inspect facilities engaged in hazardous substance/hazardous waste operations and cleanup, or are part of an incident response team.

Incident Command Disaster Training

Representatives from the Sacramento City/County Office of Emergency Services (OES) presented California Standardized Emergency Systems, National Incident Management Systems, and Incident Command System (SEMS/NIMS/ICS) training at EMD. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that certain training be completed so that EMD may be reimbursed for expenses incurred during an emergency, whether in response to the actual event or during the recovery period. Several EMD staff members participated in the disaster training which: (a) introduced staff to NIMS and provided basic knowledge; (b) introduced staff to the Incident Command System (ICS) and prepared staff to coordinate with partners on all levels of government and the private sector; and (c) prepared staff in the utilization of ICS to manage an incident or event.

PERSONNELNew Hires

Megan Vaughan was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician I in the Environmental Compliance Division.

DECEMBER 2012 BY THE NUMBERS

		December 2012	To Date FY 2012-13
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	864	5,333
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	61	324
	C. Red – Closed	4	51
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	8	25
2.	Body Art	24	270
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,075	6,919
4.	Farm Labor Camps	0	4
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	2,006
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	26	138
7.	Liquid Waste	28	140
8.	Medical Waste	29	76
9.	Small Water Systems	6	17
10.	Wells	41	354
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	67	382
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	61	518
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	18	203
14.	Storm Water	202	775
15.	Waste Tire	45	401
16.	Tobacco Retailer	74	212
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	51	343
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>129</u>	<u>313</u>
	Total	1,884	13,096
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	8	50
2.	Consumer Complaints	53	433
3.	Food Borne Illness	18	88
4.	Incident Response	13	75
5.	Solid Waste	8	56
6.	Storm Water	1	40
7.	Waste Tire	1	3
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
	Total	102	753
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	48	353
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	2	39
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	50	392
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	198	2,043
2.	Monitoring Wells	54	624
3.	Food Facilities	63	438
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	24	127
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	6	44
6.	Land Use	13	35
7.	Local Oversight Program	2	13
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>951</u>	<u>8,113</u>
	Total	1,311	11,436
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,341	66,255
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>1</u>	<u>67</u>
	Total	10,342	66,322