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

Highlights

- *EMD Shares Information With Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society*
- *EMD Hosts Body Art Industry Workshop*
- *EMD Represented At Bay Area Medical Waste Advisory Group Meeting*

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Seven FSE classes were conducted in January with a total of 94 participants representing eighteen facilities. Two classes were conducted in English, two classes were conducted in Cantonese, one class was conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in Vietnamese, and one class was conducted in Mandarin.

California Environmental Reporting System (CERS)/Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Five workshops were held to assist business owners and operators with electronic reporting of Hazardous Materials Business Plans. Thirty-two people representing twenty-four businesses participated in the workshops.

Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society

EMD Director Val Siebal and Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers shared information on EMD programs at a meeting of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society a professional association representing physicians in all modes of practice and specialties, as well as medical students, residents, and fellows. The Society is interested in providing input and support regarding EMD's mission.

Body Art Industry Workshop

EMD hosted a meeting of the Body Art Stakeholder Working Group which included a discussion regarding unpermitted body art facilities and artists, the status of permitted facilities and information regarding upcoming bloodborne pathogen training to be held at EMD.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATIONCalifornia Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EHD Chief John Rogers attended a CCDEH Region 1 meeting. Representatives from the California Department of Food and Agriculture shared information regarding direct marketing (farmers selling produce directly to consumers) and new legislation pertaining to food safety and commodity integrity. AB 1616 (Cottage Food Operations) was also discussed. Representatives from El Dorado, Mendocino, Napa, Yolo, and other northern California environmental health departments were also present at the meeting.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the January 14, 2013 meeting of the SEC. Dr. Neil Maizlish, an epidemiologist with the Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health, shared information regarding the relationship between climate change and public health trends. Ray Tretheway, Executive Director, Sacramento Tree Foundation, provided an update on the status of the tree canopy in Sacramento County and noted that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has adopted a "no net canopy loss" policy. Sacramento's urban tree canopy was named one of the 10 best urban forests by American Forests, the oldest national nonprofit conservation organization which advocates for protection and expansion of America's forests.

Bay Area Medical Waste Advisory Group (BAMWAG)

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Lisa Todd and ES Lea Gibson attended a meeting of BAMWAG which meets periodically to discuss implementation of current and upcoming medical waste regulations. BAMWAG is composed of staff from the California Department of Public Health and local regulators. Participants discussed proposed changes to the Medical Waste Management Act and the development of a Medical Waste Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Lea will participate on the TAC as a representative of Region 2 of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health.

PERSONNELNew Hires

Parmjit Flora was hired as an Account Clerk I in the Accounting/Finance Unit.

JANUARY 2013 BY THE NUMBERS

		January 2013	To Date FY 2012-13
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,202	6,535
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	72	396
	C. Red – Closed	9	60
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	3	28
2.	Body Art	2	272
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,530	8,449
4.	Farm Labor Camps	2	6
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	2	2,008
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	16	154
7.	Liquid Waste	6	146
8.	Medical Waste	14	90
9.	Small Water Systems	1	18
10.	Wells	33	387
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	68	450
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	79	597
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	62	265
14.	Storm Water	145	920
15.	Waste Tire	98	499
16.	Tobacco Retailer	37	249
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	127	470
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>6</u>	<u>319</u>
	Total	2,231	15,327
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	9	59
2.	Consumer Complaints	60	493
3.	Food Borne Illness	15	103
4.	Incident Response	11	86
5.	Solid Waste	10	66
6.	Storm Water	4	44
7.	Waste Tire	0	3
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
	Total	109	862
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	94	447
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	32	71
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	126	518
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	188	2,231
2.	Monitoring Wells	125	749
3.	Food Facilities	66	504
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	34	161
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	6	50
6.	Land Use	8	43
7.	Local Oversight Program	0	13
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,654</u>	<u>9,767</u>
	Total	2,081	13,518
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,993	76,248
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>3</u>	<u>70</u>
	Total	9,996	76,318