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

### Highlights

- *EMD Assists Metal Theft Task Force In Identifying Stolen Backflow Devices*
- *EMD Has Leadership Role In 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference*

### COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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### COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

#### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in February with a total of ninety-six participants representing twenty-one facilities. Three classes were conducted in English, one class was conducted in Spanish, and one class was conducted in Korean.

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

Three workshops were held to assist business owners and operators with electronic reporting of Hazardous Materials Business Plans. Electronic reporting will eliminate paper transfer of information. Twenty-one people representing separate businesses participated in the workshops.

#### Solid Waste Operators

EMD hosted a biannual meeting of local Solid Waste Operators which provided an opportunity for operators to discuss pending regulations and issues of regional concern with representatives from EMD and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Lisa Todd and ESs Lea Gibson, Victoria Krohn and John Lewis shared information on current solid waste issues and upcoming regulations.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which included a presentation on Recent Changes in Americans with Disabilities Act Liability by Gene Wong, Chief Counsel, Office of the Senate President Pro Tem and Lindsey Scott-Florez, Associate Counsel, California State Senate Office of Research.

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Larry Greene, SMAQMD Director to compare fee cycles and general methodologies used in the invoice process. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is developing software (which is similar in scope to Envision software currently used by EMD) for use by air districts.

**PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the February 4, 2013 meeting of the SEC. Larry Greene, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management, presented the 2013 Wood Smoke Report. Yvette Rincon, Sustainability Program Manager, City of Sacramento, shared information regarding the many City programs which involve sustainability of resources. Steve Harriman, Integrated Waste General Manager, Department of Utilities, City of Sacramento updated members of the Commission on the newly passed green waste and street sweeping programs.

North Central Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Roundtable

Staff from EMD's LEA and Solid Waste programs participated in a North Central LEA Roundtable meeting. Roundtable meetings provide staff from LEAs and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery an opportunity to discuss upcoming regulations and issues of regional concern with statewide implications.

Sacramento City/County Metal Theft Task Force

ES Chris Hunley assisted the Metal Theft Task Force in identifying owners of backflow devices that were recovered during a recent metal theft arrest. The Task Force was able to enhance the theft charges due to information provided by ES Hunley. ES Hunley also shared theft prevention strategies with the Task Force who will, in turn, share the information at future outreach events.

Franchised Waste Haulers

EMD's Business Recycling Team (Environmental Compliance Division Chief Elise Rothschild, Deputy Chief Marie Woodin, Supervising ES Lisa Todd, and ESs Lisa Perez and Sharon Zimmerman) and staff from the County Department of Waste Management and Recycling met with franchised waste haulers. Items discussed included changes to the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Code, scavenging of recyclable materials from commercial recycling bins, and the possibility of the SWA assuming enforcement responsibility for franchised waste haulers.

**EMPLOYEE TRAINING**Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)/National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) Training

Several EMD staff participated in SEMS/NIMS/ICS training presented at EMD by the Sacramento Office of Emergency Services. Training focused on system components and how the systems are used in response to a disaster or incident.

15th Annual Statewide Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

Several Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) staff received information about hazardous materials and waste, underground and aboveground storage tanks, contaminated site cleanup and regulatory enforcement during the CUPA Conference held February 4-7, 2013. CUPA serves as a forum for regulators, consultants, and industry representatives to discuss successes and areas needing improvement in a collaborative environment. ECD held a leadership role in the presentations and panel discussions at the conference which was attended by 3,000+ participants. (See below for information regarding EMD staff presentations at the CUPA Conference.)

United States Food and Drug Administration USFDA

Several ESs from EMD's Environmental Health Division attended training titled "Live Holding Tanks to Store Molluscan Shellfish Used for Human Consumption" presented by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Environmental Specialists from multiple counties were also in attendance. Participants received information on plan review and inspection recommendations for tanks used in sales and storage of live shellfish at food facilities

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS**15th Annual Statewide Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

ESs Ryan Artz and Robert Duncan provided information on hazardous waste streams generated by dry cleaning facilities. Ryan and Robert also shared information regarding storage/handling of hazardous waste. ES David Von Aspern shared information regarding administrative enforcement in EMD's Local Oversight Program. David also presented a seminar on effective institutional control implementation, protection of engineering controls and development of reasonable steps when residual contamination persists. ES Mike Simpson participated in a panel discussion concerning implementation and use of the California Environmental Protection Agency statewide electronic reporting database system for CUPA programs. ES Heather Tanner presented a seminar titled Art and Craft of Waste Audits, A.K.A. Dumpster Diving which focused on why evidence is collected, and procedures to correctly track, collect, and evaluate waste in dumpsters and compactors. Heather also shared information regarding the use of interagency relationships during audits and presented a hands-on CUPA inspection training exercise. ECD Chief Elise Rothschild provided compliance tools to use during an administrative enforcement action. ES Jeni VanDusen served on a panel which presented information on above ground storage Tank inspections. ESs Dennis Karidis and Heather Tanner served on a panel which described recent cases involving administrative enforcement orders and lessons learned during case development. ESs Ryan Artz and Robert Duncan reviewed recent civil and criminal cases.

**PERSONNEL**New Hires

Sara Heynen was hired as a Student Intern in the Environmental Compliance Division.

**FEBRUARY 2013 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>February 2013</b>	<b>To Date FY 2012-13</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	847	7,382
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	53	449
	C. Red – Closed	5	65
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	2	30
2.	Body Art	11	283
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,217	9,666
4.	Farm Labor Camps	11	17
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	2,009
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	17	171
7.	Liquid Waste	11	157
8.	Medical Waste	13	103
9.	Small Water Systems	0	18
10.	Wells	34	421
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	49	499
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	81	678
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	31	296
14.	Storm Water	79	999
15.	Waste Tire	85	584
16.	Tobacco Retailer	12	261
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	96	566
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	2	321
	Total	1,752	17,079
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	0	59
2.	Consumer Complaints	56	549
3.	Food Borne Illness	15	118
4.	Incident Response	6	92
5.	Solid Waste	4	70
6.	Storm Water	14	58
7.	Waste Tire	0	3
8.	Childhood Lead	1	9
	Total	96	958
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	96	543
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	21	92
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	0	0
	Total	117	635
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	208	2,439
2.	Monitoring Wells	49	798
3.	Food Facilities	59	563
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	12	173
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	9	59
6.	Land Use	12	55
7.	Local Oversight Program	0	13
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,319	11,086
	Total	1,668	15,186
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,936	87,184
2.	Public Record Reviews	1	71
	Total	10,937	87,255