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

### ***Highlights***

- *124 People Attend Food Safety Education Classes*
- *Four Workshops Held To Assist Business Owners/Operators With Electronic Reporting*
- *EMD Hosts Food Industry Working Group*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

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

Eight FSE classes were conducted in March with a total of 124 participants from thirty-one facilities. Four classes were conducted in English, two classes were conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in Cantonese, and one class was conducted in Punjabi.

#### **California Environmental Reporting System/Hazardous Materials Business Plan Workshops**

Four workshops were provided to business owners and operators to assist with online electronic reporting of Hazardous Materials Business Plans using the newly developed EMD portal. Forty people representing thirty-one separate businesses participated in the workshops. Electronic reporting will eliminate paper transfer of information.

#### **Food Industry Working Group**

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which included a presentation by Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Kelly McCoy titled How to Survive a Health Inspection. Survival tips included following the inspector during the inspection process, using a self-inspection checklist, and being aware of major violations which can cause restaurant closure.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

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

On March 18, 2013 EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the monthly SEC meeting.

Sacramento Metro Chamber Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Economic Development Dennis Rogers reviewed the agenda for the Capitol to Capitol (Cap-to-Cap) event scheduled for April. Cap-to-Cap is more than forty years old and the largest chamber of commerce program of its kind in the nation. It includes regional leaders from the business community, non-profits, local elected officials and government agencies who advocate for our region's fair share of federal resources during a visit to our Nation's Capital.

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Engineer Stan Dean updated the commissioners on the Sacramento County *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination* (NPDES) wastewater discharge permit from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Members of the Board selected the 2013 Environmental Recognition Award winners from candidates presented by the SEC Awards Committee.

### **Medical Waste Technical Advisory Committee**

ES Lea Gibson, a member of the Medical Waste Technical Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH), participated in both a meeting and a teleconference to discuss AB 333, a proposed bill to amend multiple sections of the Medical Waste Management Act. Participants included members of the CCDEH Solid Waste Policy and Medical Waste Technical Advisory Committees.

## **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy and Air**

Supervising ES Cheryl Hawkins and ES Sue Erikson attended the 23th Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy and Air presented by the Association of Environmental Health and Sciences Foundation. Internationally known scientists presented information on soil and groundwater remediation technologies, environmental forensics, hydraulic fracturing, vapor intrusion, the environmental fate of hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater, assessing human health risks, and risk assessment/management. Dave Freudenthal, former Governor of Wyoming, presented Nuclear Devices to Ceramic Beads-Geologic Formation Fracturing—A Review of Public Attitudes, Public Policies Formulation and Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing. Lindene E. Patton, Chief Climate Product Officer, Zurich Insurance Group Ltd., presented a seminar on, "Sustainability and Competitiveness: An Insurer's Perspective".

### **Blood Borne Pathogen**

EMD hosted a training session on Blood Borne Pathogens for ESs from the Environmental Health Division (EHD) and representatives from the body art industry. The training was presented by Lee Ballesteros of Bloodborne Pathogen Training for Body Artists.

### **Meeting With The Public**

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ESs Lea Gibson and Victoria Krohn attended a training seminar titled Meeting the Public which was provided by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The training focused on how to conduct successful public meetings.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

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

The following is an addendum to the March EMD Update regarding presentations by ES David Von Aspern at the CUPA Conference: In addition to the two presentations reported last month David presented a seminar titled, The Trailer Fire Site in Sacramento: Not Your Typical Gas Station, regarding the aftermath of the local hazardous waste trailer fire which dealt with assessment and remediation of the underlying earth materials. David also presented a seminar titled, The Rubber Meets The Road: Successful LOP Use of the SWRCB EAR Account, and provided helpful tips pertaining to successful participation in the Emergency, Abandoned, and Recalcitrant (EAR) site cleanup program of the State Water Resources Control Board. David noted that some Local Enforcement Agencies (LEA) find the EAR program a little daunting in that the LEA takes on the role/tasks normally delegated to the landowner or traditional responsible party. David credited ES Sue Erikson for having pioneered this EAR topic on behalf of EMD.

## **PERSONNEL**

### New Hire

Chue Vue was hired as an ES I (Temporary) in EHD.

### Promotions

Shirley Fong and Ajay Sharma were promoted to ES III's in EHD.

Mike Simpson was promoted to an ES III in the Environmental Compliance Division.

**MARCH 2013 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>March 2013</b>	<b>To Date FY 2012-13</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,112	8,494
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	73	522
	C. Red – Closed	9	74
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	9	39
2.	Body Art	6	289
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,416	11,082
4.	Farm Labor Camps	10	27
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	2,009
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	13	184
7.	Liquid Waste	12	169
8.	Medical Waste	6	109
9.	Small Water Systems	3	21
10.	Wells	33	454
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	98	597
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	93	771
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	42	338
14.	Storm Water	112	1,111
15.	Waste Tire	81	665
16.	Tobacco Retailer	17	278
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	251	817
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>2</u>	<u>323</u>
	Total	2,204	19,283
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	11	70
2.	Consumer Complaints	74	623
3.	Food Borne Illness	24	142
4.	Incident Response	6	98
5.	Solid Waste	13	83
6.	Storm Water	15	73
7.	Waste Tire	0	3
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
	Total	144	1,102
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	124	667
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	40	132
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	164	799
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	201	2,640
2.	Monitoring Wells	84	882
3.	Food Facilities	100	663
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	13	186
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	10	69
6.	Land Use	9	64
7.	Local Oversight Program	1	14
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>2,752</u>	<u>13,838</u>
	Total	3,170	18,356
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	13,843	101,027
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>3</u>	<u>74</u>
	Total	13,846	101,101