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

Highlights

- *California Environmental Reporting System Workshops*
- *Stormwater Run-Off Project*
- *Unpermitted Food Vendor Sweeps*

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Twelve FSE classes were conducted in April with a total of 181 participants representing forty-eight facilities. Six classes were conducted in English, two classes were conducted in Spanish, two classes were conducted in Cantonese, one class was conducted in Mandarin, and one class was conducted in Vietnamese.

Rio Linda/Elverta Community Planning Advisory Council

Environmental Specialist (ES) Susan Williams joined Ken Smarkel and Mary Hall of the U.S. Air Force in providing a status report on groundwater cleanup and administration of the McClellan Prohibition Area and Consultation Zone at a meeting of the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Planning Advisory Council. Items discussed included the current groundwater contaminant plume boundaries, the Prohibition Area for new water wells, and Consultation Zone requirements for permits within 2,000 feet of the groundwater contaminant plume boundaries.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

Environmental Compliance Technician Lisa Robbins provided information on childhood lead poisoning prevention during onsite visits at many local agencies including building, planning and zoning departments, city halls, and community centers throughout Sacramento County. Information was also provided at home improvement stores such as Orchard Supply Hardware, Ace Hardware and Kelly-Moore Paint.

California Environmental Reporting System/Hazardous Materials Business Plan Workshops

Five 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-one people representing thirty-seven separate businesses participated in the workshops.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

On April 15, 2013 EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the monthly SEC meeting.

Nine Environmental Recognition Awards were presented to individuals or companies within Sacramento County who have acted to protect environmental resources while enabling economic progress.

Sacramento Bicycle Area Advocates Executive Director Jim Brown shared information regarding Bike Month which is scheduled for May.

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District Manager Dave Brown updated commissioners regarding the upcoming mosquito/West Nile Virus season and how citizens can assist in reducing the vector population.

3-1-1 Call Center

EMD Director Val Siebal viewed a demonstration of the new County 3-1-1 Call Center that will replace the Nuisance Unit within CUBS (the Consolidated Utility Billing System) beginning in August 2013. The new system will track callers and in/out dates for call referrals. The system will also provide a script for operators, including five of the most likely responsive Departments to pop up on the screen for County operator referrals once the complaint is entered.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal and EHD Chief John Rogers attended a meeting of CCDEH Region II (Bay Area) to promote Sacramento County's Green/Yellow/Red Food Safety Program. Alameda County has adopted the program and several other counties are seriously reviewing the program for possible implementation.

California Retail Food Safety Coalition

Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos and Zarha Ruiz attended the quarterly meeting of the California Retail Food Safety Coalition. Topics discussed included proposed changes to the California Retail Food Safety Act and legislation involving hand washing and employee health.

Unpermitted Food Vendor Sweeps

Acting Environmental Health Division (EHD) Deputy Chief Kelly McCoy, ESs Steve Moua and Kari Wagner, joined representatives from the Sacramento City Code Enforcement Department in conducting an unpermitted food vendor sweep in the South Sacramento area. Fruit carts were impounded and unapproved fruit was discarded during the sweep. Several sweeps, to be coordinated with Code Enforcement and other agencies, will be conducted during the warm weather months.

Stormwater Run-Off Project

ES Susan Williams accepted an invitation to join a Technical Advisory Committee for a project titled Assessing the Use of Dry Wells as an Integrated Low Impact Development (LID) Tool for Reducing Stormwater Runoff While Protecting Groundwater Quality in Urban Watersheds.

The focus of the project is to determine whether dry wells, in combination with LID practices, are a cost effective way to infiltrate stormwater runoff without negatively impacting groundwater quality. The project is being conducted by the City of Elk Grove with assistance from the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers, Willdan Engineering and CBEC Eco-Engineering, Inc.

Site Review Training

ES David Von Aspern was an instructor for a class titled Public Real Estate Transactions presented through the University of California David Extension Service. The goal of the class was to teach skills for reviewing sites to persons responsible for real property acquisition and to provide lender financing skills. Two attorneys provided information regarding legal and escrow aspects of modern due diligence procedures. A city planner and a real estate appraiser shared information on land-use and valuation. David presented information on how to evaluate site assessment consultant reports, as well as how site assessment research is performed with the use of tools such as historical aerial photography, archive building department records, maps, and careful field reconnaissance.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

2013 Annual Educational Symposium (AES)

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza and ESs Judinae Ablang, Bo Faustino, Shirley Fong, Tuan Nguyen, Liz Olson, Ajay Sharma, Mandip Singh and David Wong attended the AES. Topics presented included food safety, recreational health, epidemiology, hazardous materials, and plan check.

PERSONNEL

New Hire

Michael Keeling was hired as a Student Intern in the Environmental Health Division.

APRIL 2013 BY THE NUMBERS

		April 2013	To Date FY 2012-13
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,102	9,596
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	67	589
	C. Red – Closed	9	83
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	9	48
2.	Body Art	15	304
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,421	12,503
4.	Farm Labor Camps	4	31
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	3	2,012
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	21	205
7.	Liquid Waste	25	194
8.	Medical Waste	6	115
9.	Small Water Systems	3	24
10.	Wells	25	479
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	57	654
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	94	865
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	52	390
14.	Storm Water	108	1,219
15.	Waste Tire	74	739
16.	Tobacco Retailer	36	314
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	197	1,014
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>2</u>	<u>325</u>
	Total	2,152	21,435
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	9	79
2.	Consumer Complaints	82	705
3.	Food Borne Illness	25	167
4.	Incident Response	7	105
5.	Solid Waste	5	88
6.	Storm Water	1	74
7.	Waste Tire	0	3
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>
	Total	129	1,231
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	181	848
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	41	173
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	222	1,021
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	228	2,868
2.	Monitoring Wells	49	931
3.	Food Facilities	85	748
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	21	207
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	5	74
6.	Land Use	8	72
7.	Local Oversight Program	6	20
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,203</u>	<u>15,041</u>
	Total	1,605	19,961
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	14,965	115,992
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>1</u>	<u>75</u>
	Total	14,966	116,067