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

Highlights

- EMD Staff Rescues Birds
- EMD Hosts Booth At County Fair
- EMD Participates In Pacific Elementary School Science Fair
- Recreational Water Illness And Injury Prevention Week

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EMD Staff Rescues Birds

Rescued



While walking on a break within the Mather complex, a staff member noticed three unattended cockatiels in a vacant lot. Cockatiels are not native to Sacramento County. Environmental Specialist (ES) Sophia Johnston was contacted regarding the unattended birds as she is a member of Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue, a nonprofit/volunteer organization that serves the Sacramento Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area. Members of the organization currently care for more than 300 birds, many of whom are injured, have been abused or neglected, and are very ill. The organization does not have a central facility and thus rescued birds are placed in foster homes such as that provided by ES Johnston until a suitable adoptive parent can be found.



ES Johnston, ES Christine Abad, and the staff member worked as a team to rescue the birds that are now in Sophia's care.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Recreational Water Illness and Injury Prevention Week

EMD issued a media release during Recreational Water Illness and Injury Prevention Week to educate the public on recreational water illnesses and associated safety hazards.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in May with a total of 33 participants representing twelve facilities. Two classes were conducted in English and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Sacramento County Fair



EMD hosted a booth at the Sacramento County Fair which incorporated fun activities and information. ESs Jan Bradshaw and Tuan Nguyen shared information regarding Environmental Specialist duties.

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.

Pool Training

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza conducted a pool operator training workshop for public pool operators, owners and pool service companies. Twenty-two participants attended the workshop which focused on what to expect during an inspection, major violations and how to avoid them, and new regulations.

EMD Hosts Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Roundtable

EMD's Solid Waste Team (Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ESs Lea Gibson, John Lewis and Victoria Pena) hosted a meeting of the LEA Roundtable. Staff from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and LEA representatives met to discuss upcoming legislation and solid waste issues of regional and statewide concern.

Pacific Elementary School Science Fair



ESs Tuan Nguyen and Steve Moua hosted a booth at the Pacific Elementary School Science Fair and provided information regarding Environmental Specialist duties as they relate to science and a student's daily life.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Unpermitted Food Vendor Sweeps

ESs Jan Bradshaw, Manny Estrada, Steve Moua, Tuan Nguyen and Kari Wagner joined representatives from Sacramento City and Sacramento County Code Enforcement Divisions in conducting four unpermitted food vendor sweeps. More than twelve carts were impounded, and unapproved food was discarded during the sweeps.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

On May 20, 2013 EMD Director Val Siebal provided staff support at the monthly SEC meeting. Jason Sirney, Emergency Services Coordinator, Sacramento Office of Emergency Services shared information regarding grants which they have either received, or hope to receive from the State Department of Water Resources to fund items in their Flood Emergency Response Project. Doug Obegi, Staff Attorney, Water Program, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) provided information on NRDC's alternative proposal to the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and noted that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2013-0133 on March 12, 2013 in support of the proposal.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Symposium on Food Systems and Public Health

Environmental Health Division Chief John Rogers and ESs Elena Drobenyuk, Renee Manwaring, Tayjes Patel, Jason Smalley and Joseph Terefe attended the Symposium on Food Systems and Public Health-S3: Safe, Secure and Sustainable presented by the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health. The Symposium is designed to bring together professionals for panel discussions and informative presentations including federal, state, and local regulatory agencies as well as industry, environmental health specialists, food producers, academia, nutritionists, public health professionals, and agriculture experts.

MAY 2013 BY THE NUMBERS

		May 2013	To Date FY 2012-13
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,146	10,742
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	76	665
	C. Red – Closed	13	96
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	2	50
2.	Body Art	4	308
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,533	14,036
4.	Farm Labor Camps	5	36
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	15	2,027
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	62	267
7.	Liquid Waste	24	218
8.	Medical Waste	3	118
9.	Small Water Systems	6	30
10.	Wells	55	534
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	69	723
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	75	940
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	49	439
14.	Storm Water	108	1,327
15.	Waste Tire	93	832
16.	Tobacco Retailer	7	321
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	304	1,318
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>1</u>	<u>326</u>
	Total	2,415	23,850
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	6	85
2.	Consumer Complaints	99	804
3.	Food Borne Illness	28	195
4.	Incident Response	8	113
5.	Solid Waste	2	90
6.	Storm Water	5	79
7.	Waste Tire	0	3
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>
	Total	148	1,379
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	33	881
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	39	212
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	72	1,093
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	319	3,187
2.	Monitoring Wells	140	1,071
3.	Food Facilities	78	826
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	25	232
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	1	75
6.	Land Use	7	79
7.	Local Oversight Program	6	26
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,933</u>	<u>16,974</u>
	Total	2,509	22,470
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,312	128,304
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>0</u>	<u>75</u>
	Total	12,312	128,379