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

### Highlights

- *Media Coverage Of Food Inspections At State Fair*
- *Elise Rothschild Elected CalCUPA Forum Chair*
- *Kelly McCoy Promoted To Deputy Chief*

### COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 Department

### NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

#### California State Fair

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Zarha Ruiz was interviewed by a reporter from KXTV and also performed live interviews which aired on Univision. During the interviews, Zarha noted that all food vendor booths at the fair are inspected and booths found to have major violations are required to correct their violations immediately. Zarha also shared information regarding the importance of handwashing and mentioned that health inspectors would be onsite for the duration of the fair.

### COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

#### Sacramento County Agricultural Commission

ES Jeni VanDusen, with assistance from ESs Daniel Abellon, Derek Jacks, and Lisa Perez, presented training to staff of the Sacramento County Agricultural Commission regarding hazardous materials, hazardous waste, and above ground storage tanks. Commission staff will utilize the information during performance of regulatory compliance inspections at farms on behalf of EMD's Environmental Compliance Division (ECD).

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Ten FSE classes were conducted in July with a total of 156 participants representing twenty-seven facilities. Five classes were conducted in English, three classes were conducted in Cantonese, and two classes were conducted in Spanish.

### 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. Twenty-three people representing twenty-three separate businesses participated in the workshops.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

### Elise Rothschild Elected CalCUPA Forum Chair

Elise Rothschild, ECD Chief, was elected Chair of the California Certified Unified Program Agency (CalCUPA) Forum Board effective July 1. EMD is the CUPA for Sacramento County as designated by the California Environmental Protection Agency. Unified programs include hazardous materials, hazardous waste generators, above and underground storage tanks, California Accidental Release Program, and hazardous materials business plan reporting.

The CalCUPA Forum is a statewide association representing CUPAs and Participating Agencies that implement Unified Programs. CalCUPA works to update and continuously improve the Unified Program by providing a single, strong, consistent statewide voice.

CalCUPA Forum objectives include:

- A. To work with all parties, both internal and external, to develop guidance, regulations, and policies regarding CUPA administration.
- B. To establish positions on statewide issues affecting CUPAs and provide a unified CUPA response to such issues.
- C. To coordinate information exchange between CUPAs and the State on statewide issues.
- D. To assist in making training available to CUPAs.

### Bay Area Region CUPA Forum Meeting

Supervising ES John Elkins attended a meeting of the Bay Area Region CUPA Forum hosted by the Hazardous Materials Division of the Contra Costa Department of Environment Health. Staff representing the State Office of Emergency Services, Federal and State Environmental Protection Agencies, State Department of Toxics Substances Control, State Water Resources Control Board, and State Fire Marshall's Office provided updates on California Electronic Reporting System (CERS), current legislation (including their effects on CUPAs) and confidential enforcement cases. Participants also received an update regarding the Hazardous Materials Business Plan Program and the CUPA Training Conference.

### California State Fair

ES Liz Olson coordinated food vendor inspections at this year's California State Fair. With the assistance of Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz and 13 ESs, a total of 160 food inspections were conducted.

### Unpermitted Food Vendor Sweeps

Kelly McCoy, Deputy Chief, Environmental Health Division (EHD) and ESs Jan Bradshaw, Manny Estrada, Steve Moua, Tuan Nguyen and Kari Wagner joined representatives from Sacramento City and Sacramento County Code Enforcement in conducting two unpermitted food vendor sweeps. Vendor carts were impounded and unapproved food was discarded during the sweeps.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

On July 15, 2013 EMD Director Val Siebal provided staff support at the monthly SEC meeting. Gene Endicott, Principal, Endicott Communications, shared information regarding the complexities of the Capitol Southeast Connector Project. The Connector, which was planned by the County Department of Transportation, is a 35-mile multi-lane roadway which will connect I-5 south of Elk Grove to Highway 50 east of El Dorado Hills. It is estimated that the Connector, which has received approval from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, will cost approximately \$463 million. Fernando Amador, Project Manager, State Department of Toxic Substances Control, provided an update on the four local superfund sites—Sacramento Railyards, Aerojet, and former Mather and McClellan Air Force Bases.

### Sacramento County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

EMD hosted a meeting of the LEPC on July 17 which was attended by ECD Chief Elise Rothschild, ES Doug Osborn and emergency response personnel from varying local, state and federal agencies. LEPC meetings provide a forum for emergency management agency representatives, emergency responders, industry and the general public to train, evaluate, communicate and coordinate chemical hazards in the community and to develop emergency plans.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### 2013 National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Annual Educational Conference

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza presented a seminar on “How to Reduce Major Violations through Education in Recreational Health Facilities”. Colleen also served as a technical advisor and moderator during the conference.

## **TRAINING**

### Incident Response (IR) Team Training

Supervising ES John Elkins, ES Robert Duncan and ES Sophia Johnston participated in an emergency response drill held at a local computer manufacturing plant. ES Doug Osborn participated in a drill held at a chemical manufacturing plant. Representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement and fire protection agencies, as well as hazardous material response teams and the National Guard participated in both drills.

## **PERSONNEL**

### Promotion

Kelly McCoy was promoted to an Environmental Program Manager I (Deputy Division Chief) in the Environmental Health Division.

**JULY 2013 BY THE NUMBERS**

|     |  | <b>July<br/>2013</b> | <b>To Date<br/>FY 2013-14</b> |
|-----|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|
|     | <u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>   |                      |                               |
|     | A. Green – Pass  | 259                  | 259                           |
|     | B. Yellow – Conditional Pass   | 5                    | 5                             |
|     | C. Red – Closed  | 4                    | 4                             |
|     |  |                      |                               |
|     | <u>Inspections</u>   |                      |                               |
| 1.  | Above Ground Storage Tank  | 6                    | 6                             |
| 2.  | Body Art   | 2                    | 2                             |
| 3.  | Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)                           | 479                  | 479                           |
| 4.  | Farm Labor Camps   | 5                    | 5                             |
| 5.  | Public Swimming Pools/Spas   | 1,396                | 1,396                         |
| 6.  | Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)                               | 29                   | 29                            |
| 7.  | Liquid Waste   | 22                   | 22                            |
| 8.  | Medical Waste  | 5                    | 5                             |
| 9.  | Small Water Systems  | 1                    | 1                             |
| 10. | Wells  | 64                   | 64                            |
| 11. | Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste                                   | 46                   | 46                            |
| 12. | Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials                                  | 66                   | 66                            |
| 13. | Underground Storage Tank Facilities  | 31                   | 31                            |
| 14. | Storm Water  | 44                   | 44                            |
| 15. | Waste Tire   | 81                   | 81                            |
| 16. | Tobacco Retailer   | 10                   | 10                            |
| 17. | Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling  | 43                   | 43                            |
| 18. | Refuse Vehicle Inspections   | <u>0</u>             | <u>0</u>                      |
|     | Total  | 2,330                | 2,330                         |
|     |  |                      |                               |
|     | <u>Investigations</u>  |                      |                               |
| 1.  | Abandoned Well Program   | 1                    | 1                             |
| 2.  | Consumer Complaints  | 108                  | 108                           |
| 3.  | Food Borne Illness   | 20                   | 20                            |
| 4.  | Incident Response  | 11                   | 11                            |
| 5.  | Solid Waste  | 5                    | 5                             |
| 6.  | Storm Water  | 2                    | 2                             |
| 7.  | Waste Tire   | 0                    | 0                             |
| 8.  | Childhood Lead   | <u>2</u>             | <u>2</u>                      |
|     | Total  | 149                  | 149                           |
|     |  |                      |                               |
|     | <u>Class Attendance</u>  |                      |                               |
| 1.  | Food Safety Education (Food School)  | 156                  | 156                           |
| 2.  | Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop                                   | 23                   | 23                            |
| 3.  | “How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop                          | <u>0</u>             | <u>0</u>                      |
|     | Total  | 179                  | 179                           |
|     |  |                      |                               |
|     | <u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>   |                      |                               |
| 1.  | Hazardous Materials Business Plans   | 304                  | 304                           |
| 2.  | Monitoring Wells   | 130                  | 130                           |
| 3.  | Food Facilities  | 83                   | 83                            |
| 4.  | Public Swimming Pools/Spas   | 43                   | 43                            |
| 5.  | Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs | 7                    | 7                             |
| 6.  | Land Use   | 8                    | 8                             |
| 7.  | Local Oversight Program  | 0                    | 0                             |
| 8.  | Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)   | <u>1,573</u>         | <u>1,573</u>                  |
|     | Total  | 2,148                | 2,148                         |
|     |  |                      |                               |
|     | <u>Information Management</u>  |                      |                               |
| 1.  | Documents Imaged   | 22,381               | 22,381                        |
| 2.  | Public Record Reviews  | <u>3</u>             | <u>3</u>                      |
|     | Total  | 22,384               | 22,384                        |