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

### ***Highlights***

- *Seventeen Businesses Represented At Hazardous Materials Business Plan Workshops*
- *EMD Hosts Food Industry Working Group*
- *Staff Attends Virtual Office Software Training*

#### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

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

Six FSE classes were conducted in September with a total of 79 participants representing nineteen facilities. Three classes were conducted in English, two classes were conducted in Spanish, and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

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

Three workshops were provided to business owners and operators to assist with online electronic reporting of hazardous materials business plans. Nineteen people representing seventeen separate businesses participated in the workshops.

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

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which included a presentation titled, "The Top 10 Things You Need to Know about Covered California for Your Business" by Pallavi Shimoda, Covered California Certified Educator from the Northern and Central California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Shimoda noted that the Small Business Health Options Program offered by Covered California is a market place for small businesses such as retail food facilities to obtain quality affordable health insurance for their employees. October 1, 2013 is employee notification deadline as required by the Affordable Care Act.

### Body Art Industry Workshop

EMD hosted a meeting of the Body Art Stakeholder Working Group which included a discussion regarding the status of permitted facilities and artists, blood borne pathogen training and Assembly Bill 1168. Assembly Bill 1168 includes new requirements for mobile and temporary body art facilities, as well as clean-up language to the existing Safe Body Art Act.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

### Water Well Technical Advisory Committee

Supervising Environmental Specialist Cheryl Hawkins and Environmental Specialist (ES) Susan Williams attended a meeting of the Water Well Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health. The Advisory Committee includes representatives from various environmental health departments, water agencies, and the water well industry from throughout California. Items discussed included well construction standards, well drilling methods, water quality standards, and small water systems.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

On September 16, 2013 Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the monthly SEC meeting. Anna Ewing, Senior Environmental Specialist, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch, Invasive Species and Rare Plant Protection Program, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, shared information regarding invasive plant and animal species found in the Sacramento area. Richard Radmacher, Senior Planner, Sacramento County Department of Water Resources, provided an update on the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP). SSHCP is a regional approach to addressing urban development, habitat conservation in concert with agricultural/rangeland preservation and regulatory compliance.

### Geothermal Heat Exchange Well Standards Advisory Group

ES Susan Williams attended the first meeting of the Geothermal Heat Exchange Well Standards (GHEW) Stakeholder's Advisory Group of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Susan represented the Water Well Technical Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health at the meeting. The Stakeholder's Advisory Group is scheduled to meet weekly until mid-November to fine-tune DWR's draft GHEW Standards for public review in early 2014.

## **TRAINING**

### California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, and Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Chief Elise Rothschild attended the 2013 CCDEH Annual Conference. Chief Rothschild presented EMD's nomination of the Portal System for the Cross Connection Program for the CCDEH Environmental Excellence Award. San Mateo County received the award for its ban on plastic shopping bags and EMD was acknowledged as being a close second. Director Siebal and Chief Rogers proposed that Sacramento County serve as host of the fourth Symposium on Food Systems and Public Health to be held in 2015. CCDEH members voted in support of the proposal.

Virtual Office Software

Management, supervisors, and administrative staff attended training pertaining to virtual office software which will be utilized to track and distribute complaints received on the new County 311 System. The Virtual Office software replaces the previous Consolidated Utilities Billing and Service (CUBS) system.

California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA)

EHD Deputy Chief Kelly McCoy, Supervising ES Jeff Czaplak and ES Sean Daneluk attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual CASQA Conference. Items discussed at the conference included industrial permitting, stormwater compliance, program management and regulations, permits and policies related to federal and state regulations.

**PERSONNEL**New Hire

Megan Floyd was hired as an Environmental Specialist I in the Environmental Compliance Division.

**SEPTEMBER 2013 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>September 2013</b>	<b>To Date FY 2013-14</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,104	2,153
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	71	121
	C. Red – Closed	5	17
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	7	15
2.	Body Art	7	14
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,412	2,918
4.	Farm Labor Camps	0	5
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	6	2,071
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	26	81
7.	Liquid Waste	18	62
8.	Medical Waste	14	25
9.	Small Water Systems	1	2
10.	Wells	61	196
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	46	169
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	108	230
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	42	110
14.	Storm Water	106	222
15.	Waste Tire	47	212
16.	Tobacco Retailer	44	87
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	78	150
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	2,023	6,569
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	1	3
2.	Consumer Complaints	73	288
3.	Food Borne Illness	13	51
4.	Incident Response	5	42
5.	Solid Waste	10	28
6.	Storm Water	5	9
7.	Waste Tire	0	0
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	Total	110	426
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	79	322
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	19	66
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	98	388
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	304	940
2.	Monitoring Wells	103	354
3.	Food Facilities	81	265
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	10	84
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	7	36
6.	Land Use	10	28
7.	Local Oversight Program	0	2
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>779</u>	<u>5,177</u>
	Total	1,294	6,886
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	13,261	53,108
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
	Total	13,262	53,115