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

Highlights

- *Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Presents Educational Exhibit*
- *Staff Presents Seminar At 2013 World Aquatic Health Conference*
- *EMD Hosts Train the Trainer Seminar*

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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Food Safety Tips For Halloween

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers was interviewed by Kitty O'Neal, News Radio KFBK 1530 regarding food safety tips for Halloween. Chief Rogers provided suggestions which included serving children a meal before trick or treating; not allowing children to eat candy before it is checked by parents; and allowing children to only eat factory-wrapped treats unless the provider is known.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in October with a total of 82 participants representing twenty facilities. Two classes were conducted in English, one class was conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in Cantonese, and one class was conducted in Vietnamese.

California Environmental Reporting System/Hazardous Materials Business Plan Workshops

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

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

EMD's CLPPP presented an educational exhibit in the lobby of the Sacramento County Administration Building from October 20 to October 26, 2013 in observance of Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. The exhibit focused on keeping homeowners safe from lead contaminated paint, dust, soil and other sources of lead. Outreach materials were also provided at over 70 public locations within the county, including home improvement and paint stores, public libraries, schools and government agencies. Notice was posted on EMD's Facebook page for owners of pre-1978 homes.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

On October 21, 2013 Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the monthly SEC meeting. Dr. Olivia Kasirye, City/County Public Health Officer, provided an update regarding the flu season in Sacramento County and information on the progress toward national certification of the Public Health Division. Ruben Robles, Director of Operations, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, updated the Commission on the EchoWater Project and upgrades required by the recent National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. Allan Hirsch, Chief Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, presented information regarding a new California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen 1.1) that can be used to help identify California communities that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution.

2015 Sustainability, Secure and Safe Food Conference

EMD Director Val Siebal and EHD Chief John Rogers met with Juli Jensen, Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner, to discuss the 2015 Sustainability, Secure and Safe Food Conference to be held in Sacramento. Ms. Jensen accepted an invitation to join the Conference Steering Committee and shared some excellent ideas.

Geothermal Heat Exchange Well Standards Advisory Group

Environmental Specialist (ES) Susan Williams represented the Water Well Technical Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health at several meetings of the Department of Water Resources Geothermal Heat Exchange Well Standards Stakeholders Advisory Group. The Advisory Group will meet weekly until mid-November to fine tune the draft Standards for public review in early 2014.

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

EMD Director Val Siebal and County Agricultural Commissioner Juli Jensen met to review the CUPA contract and to identify potential issues. Commission staff will join EMD during industry outreach regarding Commission and CUPA fees.

Sacramento County Airport System

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Deputy Chief Marie Woodin, and EHD Chief John Rogers met with John Wheat, newly appointment Director of the County Airport System, to share information regarding EMD programs that intersect with Airport operations. The recent Mather Air Show was also discussed and Director Wheat was provided with a tour of the EMD building.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

2013 World Aquatic Health Conference

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza presented a seminar on Preventing Drowning and Other Injuries: Top Ten Model Aquatic Health Code Provisions at the 2013 World Aquatic Health Conference. Information provided included provisions related to lifeguarding and bather supervision, design and construction, chemical safety, ventilation and air quality, risk management and operator training.

TRAINING

Incident Command System (ICS) For Public Health Outbreaks

EHD Deputy Chief Kelly McCoy, Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz and ES Sonia Andrusiak received training regarding the use of the ICS by local agencies during disease outbreaks. Attendees received information regarding the development of an action plan, briefing implementation, and how the ICS might be organized for use during an outbreak. The training was presented by the Public Health Division of the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services.

Train the Trainer

EMD's Environmental Compliance Division hosted a Train the Trainer seminar sponsored by the CUPA Forum Board. The training focused on developing skills for presentations. Attendees received insight on learning styles, communication skills, and practical techniques for delivering quality presentations or training. EMD staff and representatives from other counties attended the training.

PERSONNEL

New Hires

Ana Daniels was hired as an ES I in EHD.

Kelli Williams was hired as a Senior Student Intern in EHD.

OCTOBER 2013 BY THE NUMBERS

		October 2013	To Date FY 2013-14
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,152	3,305
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	58	179
	C. Red – Closed	15	32
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	3	18
2.	Body Art	40	54
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,434	4,352
4.	Farm Labor Camps	0	5
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	4	2,075
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	29	110
7.	Liquid Waste	31	93
8.	Medical Waste	14	39
9.	Small Water Systems	0	2
10.	Wells	101	297
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	46	215
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	74	304
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	40	150
14.	Storm Water	142	364
15.	Waste Tire	66	278
16.	Tobacco Retailer	54	141
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	69	219
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	2,147	8,716
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	2	5
2.	Consumer Complaints	69	357
3.	Food Borne Illness	13	64
4.	Incident Response	10	52
5.	Solid Waste	10	38
6.	Storm Water	4	13
7.	Waste Tire	0	0
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
	Total	110	536
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	82	404
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	15	81
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	97	485
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	262	1,202
2.	Monitoring Wells	103	457
3.	Food Facilities	89	354
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	12	96
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	12	48
6.	Land Use	10	38
7.	Local Oversight Program	0	2
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,615</u>	<u>6,792</u>
	Total	2,103	8,989
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,630	62,738
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
	Total	9,633	62,749