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## January 2014 News and Events

### Highlights

- **EMD visits CSU Sacramento kitchen lab**
- **Debbie Katz, Kohl and lead poisoning presentation to Childhood Lead Prevention Collaborative**

### County Board of Supervisors

Phil Serna, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
 Jimmie Yee, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
 Susan Peters, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
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 Don Nottoli, 5<sup>th</sup> District

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Val F. Siebal, Director, Environmental Management

### NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION



Environmental Health Division Staff Receive Education on Korean Culture Food Preparation, Cooking and Serving

The State Hornet, California State University's newspaper, published an article detailing EMD staffs' visit to California State Sacramento's kitchen lab on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, where they were educated about Korean methods of preparing, cooking and serving traditional Korean dishes, or banchan. Staff attending Dr. Seunghee Wie's lecture and demonstration included Deputy Chief (EH) Kelly McCoy, and Environmental Specialists Manny Estrada, Elena Drobenyuk, Sonia Andrusiak, Dennis Catanyag, Dave Wong and student intern Jenny Choi. EMD staff came away from the demonstration with a much better understanding of Korean food preparation techniques and therefore, a better understanding of where food safety risks exist. Many of the foods are able to be held at room temperature, not chilled, because of the methods used in their

preparation. This works well for Korean operators since it is a cultural preference to eat banchan at room temperature which enhances the flavors. EMD Environmental Specialists are now better equipped to engage in discussions with Korean operators about food safety practices as they relate to traditionally prepared Korean cuisine.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONS NEWS

#### Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Val Siebal recently gave orientations to two new members of the Sacramento Environmental Commission that were appointed by the Board of Supervisors on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Both Mark Barry and Secret Charles-Ford are appointed to fill vacant seats from the City of Sacramento.

### COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

#### Presentation to the Sacramento Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Collaborative

Debbie Katz delivered a presentation to seventeen attendees of the Sacramento Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

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Collaborative on the topic of Surma, also known as Kohl. Surma is used as a cosmetic and as an Ayurvedic herbal remedy (traditional Indian medicine) in South Asia, the Middle East and West Africa, and is the second most frequent cause of lead poisoning in children in Sacramento County, behind lead-based paint, dust and soil. The US Food and Drug Administration has recalled products, particularly cosmetics, using Kohl. The cases of children with elevated blood lead levels due to Surma/ Kohl are estimated to be under-reported in Sacramento.



Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three onsite FSE classes were conducted in January 2014 with a total of 38 participants representing 19 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English, and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Hazardous Material Plan Workshops

The Environmental Management Department offered two Hazardous Material Plan Portal Workshops during January, 2014. There were nineteen individuals that attended these workshops, representing eighteen businesses. During the workshops, EMD staff provided regulated businesses an overview of the electronic reporting process and also assisted each person in the process of submitting their Hazardous Waste Plan electronically. Hazardous Waste plans are mandated by the California Environmental Protection Agency to be electronically submitted, effective January 1, 2013.

**PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

McKinley Park Developers Meet with Environmental Management Department

EMD Director Val Siebal and Division (EC) Chief Elise Rothschild met with developers of the McKinley Park Development that is



proposed to be built across the highway from the closed City of Sacramento landfill. They discussed environmental concerns and requirements that are necessary when a community is built within 1000 feet of any landfill. The meeting led to additional options to be suggested in the EMD comments about the Draft EIR.

EMD and Public Health Come Together to Discuss Mutual Countywide Issues

EMD Director Val Siebal, Division (EC) Chief Elise Rothschild and Division (EH) Chief John Rogers met with Public Health Officer Dr. Kasirye to discuss topics of mutual concern including incident response, flu death counts in Sacramento County and preventative flu measures, and the issue of feeding the homeless in the Downtown area by unpermitted groups. Coordination with the Public Health officer is a priority for both divisions of EMD.

North A Street Security Meeting

Director Val Siebal, Division (EH) Chief John Rogers and Deputy Division (EH) Chief Kelly McCoy attended a collaborative meeting of the North A Street Security Committee on January 9, 2014 to discuss homeless issues. There has been a rise in homeless feeding occasions by groups of unpermitted volunteers, creating crowd and sanitation issues in the downtown area. EMD promotes efforts to coordinate these volunteers in tandem with permitted organizations that are already engaged in this public service endeavor.

Local Enforcement Agency Quarterly Meeting  
Hosted at EMD

EMD hosted the quarterly meeting of the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) on January 28, 2014. The LEA roundtable is a meeting that allows the California Department of Resources and Recycling staff, and LEA's, to meet as peers and discuss Solid Waste issues of regional and statewide concern.

Susan Williams Completes Comments on  
Department of Water Resources Document

Environmental Specialist Susan Williams completed her work on the Department of Water Resources Geothermal Heat Exchange (GHEW) Standards. Ms. Williams is a representative of the California Council of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) Water Well Technical Advisory Group. The draft GHEW Standards should be available for public review in early 2014 and will hopefully move forward as a document providing standards that will protect our groundwater resource.

**TRAINING AND FORUMS**

State of Downtown 2014

EMD Director Val Siebal, Division (EH) Chief John Rogers and Division Chief (EC) Elise Rothschild attended the 16<sup>th</sup> annual State of Downtown 2014 on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mayor Kevin Johnson's speech included glowing projections of business growth and tax revenue generated by the building of the new downtown sports arena anticipated to be open in 2016.



Rendering of proposed Sacramento's Downtown Sports Complex.

Sacramento County Emergency Operations Center  
Disaster Recovery Training

EMD Director Val Siebal, Division (EH) Chief John Rogers and Division (EC) Chief Elise Rothschild participated in a tabletop exercise given by the Emergency Operations Center. The exercise was based on a flood scenario and allowed the group to run through hypothetical disaster recovery exercises.

Hazwop Refresher for Environmental Compliance  
Staff

The Sacramento County training office presented an eight hour refresher course to EMD's Environmental Compliance staff in the EMD conference rooms in January. This training is required annually and trains staff in the recognition of, and protection from potential hazards related to Hazardous Waste Operations.

**PERSONNEL NEWS**

New Hires

Renee Avila... Welcome!

Promotions

Chue Vue

Manny Estrada

| January 2014 by the Numbers          |  |        |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------|--------------------|
|                                      |  | Jan-14 | FY 2013-14 To Date |
| <b>Food Facility Placards Issued</b> |  |        |                    |
|                                      | A. Green – Pass  | 862    | 5,694              |
|                                      | B. Yellow – Conditional Pass   | 49     | 310                |
|                                      | C. Red – Closed  | 6      | 51                 |
| <b>Inspections</b>                   |  |        |                    |
| 1.                                   | Above Ground Storage Tank  | 1      | 22                 |
| 2.                                   | Body Art   | 16     | 124                |
| 3.                                   | Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)                           | 1316   | 7,594              |
| 4.                                   | Farm Labor Camps   | 1      | 6                  |
| 5.                                   | Public Swimming Pools/Spas   | 1      | 2,076              |
| 6.                                   | Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)                               | 22     | 187                |
| 7.                                   | Liquid Waste   | 65     | 191                |
| 8.                                   | Medical Waste  | 23     | 97                 |
| 9.                                   | Small Water Systems  | 6      | 20                 |
| 10.                                  | Wells  | 70     | 497                |
| 11.                                  | Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste                                   | 73     | 461                |
| 12.                                  | Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials                                  | 109    | 620                |
| 13.                                  | Underground Storage Tank Facilities  | 47     | 258                |
| 14.                                  | Storm Water  | 133    | 786                |
| 15.                                  | Waste Tire   | 47     | 455                |
| 16.                                  | Tobacco Retailer   | 16     | 288                |
| 17.                                  | Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling  | 99     | 451                |
| 18.                                  | Refuse Vehicle Inspections   |        | 297                |
|                                      | <b>Total</b>   | 2,045  | 14,430             |
| <b>Investigations</b>                |  |        |                    |
| 1.                                   | Abandoned Well Program   | 0      | 6                  |
| 2.                                   | Body Art   | 4      |                    |
| 3.                                   | Consumer Complaints  | 73     | 530                |
| 4.                                   | Food Borne Illness   | 18     | 120                |
| 5.                                   | Incident Response  | 13     | 92                 |
| 6.                                   | Solid Waste  | 16     | 80                 |
| 7.                                   | Storm Water  | 9      | 27                 |
| 8.                                   | Waste Tire   |        | 1                  |
| 9.                                   | Childhood Lead   |        | 9                  |
|                                      | <b>Total</b>   | 133    | 869                |
| <b>Class Attendance</b>              |  |        |                    |
| 1.                                   | Food Safety Education (Food School)  | 38     | 522                |
| 2.                                   | Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop                                   | 2      | 120                |
| 3.                                   | “How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop                          | 0      | 0                  |
|                                      | <b>Total</b>   | 40     | 642                |
| <b>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</b>   |  |        |                    |
| 1.                                   | Hazardous Materials Business Plans   | 577    | 2441               |
| 2.                                   | Body Art   | 5      |                    |
| 3.                                   | Monitoring Wells   | 98     | 783                |
| 4.                                   | Food Facilities  | 76     | 597                |
| 5.                                   | Public Swimming Pools/Spas   | 22     | 142                |
| 6.                                   | Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs | 8      | 71                 |
| 7.                                   | Land Use   | 17     | 67                 |
| 8.                                   | Local Oversight Program  | 2      | 13                 |
| 9.                                   | Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)   | 1,559  | 10392              |
|                                      | <b>Total</b>   | 2,364  | 14511              |
| <b>Information Management</b>        |  |        |                    |
|                                      |  |        | 0                  |
| 1.                                   | Documents Imaged   | 13,352 | 98711              |
| 2.                                   | Public Record Reviews  | 8      | 25                 |
|                                      | <b>Total</b>   | 13,360 | 98736              |