



March 2014

February Events and Happenings

Highlights

- Environmental Compliance Videos Win Innovation Award
- Mark Barcellos Appears Live on Fox 40
- Linda Jimenez and Geri Brown Retire From the Environmental Management Department

County Board of Supervisors

Phil Serna, 1st District
Jimmie Yee, 2nd District
Susan Peters, 3rd District
Roberta MacGlashan, 4th District
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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION



***“Noisy Neighbor”
Fox 40 News...
Mark Barcellos
Appears Live on
Fox 40’s “Don’t
Be That Guy”
Segment***

Mark Barcellos on Fox 40 News 1

Supervising Environmental Specialist Mark Barcellos appeared live on Fox 40’s morning news segment titled, “Don’t Be That Guy”. He was interviewed by Sabrina Rodriguez on the topic of noisy neighbors and what the public can do when faced with this problem. Mark’s first recommendation was resolution through personal interaction and communication. If that fails, and the noise level is still high, the neighbor can register a complaint with the County by dialing 311, and the complaint is routed to the appropriate personnel. The Environmental Management Department does investigate noise complaints and enforces the county noise ordinance in the County.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education

There were three onsite and one off site Food Safety Education classes conducted in

February 2014, with a total of 61 participants representing 14 facilities. One class was conducted in English, one in Spanish and two in Cantonese.

Hazardous Material Plan Workshops

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

Monthly Food Industry Meeting



Depiction of a Local Farm Near Sacramento

EMD hosted its monthly Food Industry Working Group where members involved in the grocery industry, the agricultural industry, restaurant management or ownership, etc., meet to discuss compliance practices, legislative changes and learn more about foodborne illness issues. Division Chief (EH) John Rogers did a presenta-

tion on “AB-224- Direct Marketing and Community Supported Agriculture.” Tara Stout, with Farm Fresh To You, of Capay was also there to speak about local, organic, community supported agriculture, home delivery and farm activities.

Deputy Chief (EH) Kelly McCoy and supervising ES Zarha Ruiz provided EMD’s “No Bare Hand Contact” exemption form to the group for comment. Food facilities **requesting**

an exemption from this new law for certain restaurant activities, such as bartenders squeezing limes with bare hands, can submit this form to EMD for review and possible exemption from the new law for that particular activity.



1 No Bare hand Contact Issue

Pacific Rim Culinary Committee Meeting

EMD hosted a Pacific Rim Culinary Meeting which is attended by many Asian restaurateurs in the County. Food industry issues, legislative changes and best practices for food safety are discussed. ES Cody Lee presented a training on cockroaches, including how to detect infestations, the life cycles of cockroaches and, how to keep them out of food facilities. Approximately 75% of restaurant closures in Sacramento County are due to cockroach or vermin infestation.

EMD Hosts Booth at Green Restaurant Symposium, SMUD Service Center

Deputy Chief (EH) Kelly McCoy and Senior Student Intern Kelli Williams attended the Green Restaurant Symposium held at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Service Center on February 24th. The event highlighted energy and water efficiency, safe disposals of oils and fats, and many other areas of interest to the restaurant community. EMD hosted a booth at the Symposium and provided information about food safety and the no bare hand contact law, and answered general questions from local restaurateurs and culinary students of the American River College.

EMD Meets with the Sacramento Valley Korean Dry Cleaner Association

Representatives from EMD met with the leaders of the Sacramento Valley Korean Dry Cleaners Association (KDCA) to discuss waste disposal options for specific dry cleaning chemi-

cals which are considered hazardous waste. Deputy Chief, Environmental Compliance (EC) Marie Woodin, ES Supervisor Chris Pace and Specialists Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan and Doug Osborn, represented EMD at the meeting. Representatives from the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and the Business Environmental Resource Center also attended. By collaborating with these organizations, a new change in a disposal process of a hazardous waste stream containing certain dry cleaning chemicals, was communicated clearly. The Sacramento Valley Dry Cleaner Association can then relay the information to its members.

TRAINING AND FORUMS

Underground Tank Storage (UST) Standard

Representatives of a consulting company hired by the EPA visited EMD to review EMD’s underground tank storage program. These representatives observed UST inspections and reviewed EMD documents and processes as part of a report that will be submitted to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. This report will detail how the UST provisions of the 2005 Energy Policy Act are being implemented by the western states that comprise EPA Region 9.

CUPA Symposium 2014



Chris Pace, Marie Woodin, Doug Osborn, Brion McGinness, Daniel Abellon, Mike Simpson, David Steele, Ryan Artz, Justin Ross at the CUPA Conference

EMD’s Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program received the 2013 Outstanding Innovation Award from the California CUPA

Forum for its Compliance Video Series. The award is presented in recognition of ECD's leadership in environmental protection. ECD's CUPA Program was selected for its use of online videos to communicate environmental compliance topics and information to the regulated community. The award was presented at the 2014 Annual California Unified Program Conference, for achievements undertaken or completed in 2013.

The team members for the Compliance Video Series are Justin Ross, Ryan Artz, Mike Simpson, Daniel Abellon and Julian Mason. The team members for the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Video Series are Chris Pace, Brion McGinness, Doug Osborn, Dave Steele and Jonathan Pollock. The videos have approximately 1,000 views in the last 8 months.

The compliance video series is made available to the regulated community through links on EMD's website (www.emd.saccounty.net) and directly through EMD's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com (EMDInfo1).

Several Environmental Compliance staff attended the 16th Annual California Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference. This conference provided regulators, consultants, and the regulated community a wide array of training opportunities ranging from hazardous materials and waste, underground and aboveground storage tanks, contaminated site cleanup, and regulatory enforcement. It also served as a forum where regulators and the regulated industries can discuss successes and areas of improvement in a collaborative manner. Over 1,200 people attended this conference at which EMD's Environmental Compliance Division staff delivered several presentations. The following are descriptions of the information staff presented:

CUPA Case Studies: Environmental Specialist Brion McGinness gave a presentation on an Underground Storage Tank /California-ARP enforcement case that involved ammonium hydroxide solution. Brion described the unique site characteristics, the violations observed, the Administrative Enforcement Order that was issued and the final resolution of the case.

Changing Regulations and Science Regarding Wells. Supervising Environmental Specialist Cheryl Hawkins delivered a presentation on the status of the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 74-81 and 90 which govern the con-

struction and destruction of wells within California.

Underground Storage Tank Statewide TAG: Supervising Environmental Specialist Chris Pace gave a presentation on the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Video Project. Chris described the scope of the project, the participants and the final product. Two of the videos were shown at this presentation. There are five compliance videos that EMD has produced that can be viewed on youtube using the direct link that consumers can find on the EMD website.

PERSONNEL NEWS

Gerri Brown Retires After 26 Years of Dedicated Service to Sacramento County



Gerri Brown

Gerri Brown, Senior Office Specialist with the Environmental Management Department, will be retiring on March 28th, 2014 after 26 years of dedicated and excellent service to Sacramento County.

Gerri's first job with the County began in June 1987, as a Typist Clerk 1 File Clerk at the Public Health Building. The office was located on Goethe Road, as the Jackson Road office was still being built. Gerri took successive promotions to eventually achieve her current position as Senior Office Specialist at EMD.

Gerri has been a strong and steady influence for the administrative team, keeping things moving smoothly and efficiently. She is responsible for a large scope of duties, including the distribution of work, processing travel requests, overseeing mail-outs, answering questions, developing procedures and providing a guiding hand. In all these duties she has been outstanding, truly a solid but gentle rock, providing support and direction for the entire administrative team.

Gerri has a long list of projects and several hobbies she wishes to spend more time pursuing in retirement. Some of these are: writing short stories, cartooning, sketching, painting with watercolors, photography, gardening, hiking and reading. Both Gerri and her husband John, are

avid readers and are reading at least 3 or 4 books at one time.

Regarding hiking, Geri, John and their dog Jireh, intend on making it to the top of Thunder Mountain and perhaps trying Meiss Country at Carson Pass. They've done this hike once before in spite of it topping out at 9,000 feet in elevation.

EMD wishes Geri the best in her new endeavors. Thanks for all your hard work!



Gerri Brown and Linda Jimenez



Linda Jimenez Retires After 15 Years of Dedicated Service to Sacramento County

Linda Jimenez, Administrative Services Officer I with the Environmental Management Department retired on March 8th, 2014 after many years of dedicated and excellent service to Sacramento County. Linda's first job with the County began on Feb 16th, 1999, as a Senior Office Assistant with the Department of Child Support Services in the capacity of Court Presenter in the Dependency

Court. The offices were at the old courthouse on Bradshaw Avenue, and later moved to the new courthouse building on Power Inn Road. Linda took successive promotions including the position of Executive Secretary to then Director, Mel Knight, at the Environmental Management Department (EMD), and her latest position as Administrative Services Officer I at EMD.

One of Linda's proudest achievements was participating in mapping out the office and space design of the interior of the new EMD facility built in Mather in 2008, that would accommodate approximately 135 staff members. Linda's favorite contribution to EMD is best described as SUPPORT. She has enjoyed meeting the needs of department staff in her purchasing capacity, answering the day to day questions that arose in each division and assisting in training new secretaries as needed.

Linda's first goal upon retiring is to sleep in...no more waking up at 4:30 am to be on time to work. She's going to do more crafting, travel more, especially to visit the new great granddaughter due in August in Oklahoma, and go to Oregon to visit long-time friends. EMD wishes Linda the best in her new endeavors. Thanks for all your hard work!

New Hires:

Steve Lepage, Environmental Specialist

Promotions:

Sothia Chhang, to Environmental Specialist

February 2014 by the Numbers			
		Feb-14	FY 2013-14 To Date
Food Facility Placards Issued			
	A. Green – Pass	918	6,612
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	53	363
	C. Red – Closed	7	58
Inspections			
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	0	22
2.	Body Art	23	147
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1218	8,812
4.	Farm Labor Camps	3	9
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	2,076
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	22	209
7.	Liquid Waste	11	202
8.	Medical Waste	17	114
9.	Small Water Systems	6	26
10.	Wells	37	534
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	63	524
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	101	721
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	36	294
14.	Storm Water Non Food Facility	33	819
15.	Waste Tire	39	494
16.	Tobacco Retailer	24	312
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	78	529
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	0	297
	Total	1,711	16,141
Investigations			
1.	Abandoned Well Program	2	8
2.	Body Art	3	3
3.	Consumer Complaints	66	596
4.	Food Borne Illness	13	133
5.	Incident Response	0	92
6.	Solid Waste	5	85
7.	Storm Water	4	31
8.	Waste Tire		1
9.	Childhood Lead	1	10
	Total	94	963
Class Attendance			
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	61	583
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	2	122
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	0	0
	Total	63	705
Plans, Permits, and Reviews			
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	361	2802
2.	Body Art	6	
3.	Monitoring Wells/ Water Wells	92	875
4.	Food Facilities	94	691
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	26	168
6.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	9	80
7.	Land Use	16	83
8.	Local Oversight Program	5	18
9.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,665	12057
	Total	2,274	16785
Information Management			
			0
1.	Documents Imaged	9,069	107780
2.	Public Record Reviews	1	26
	Total	9,070	107806