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Welcome to the February 2011 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of January 2011. Please feel free to forward comments questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net

Highlights

- Board Approves Land Use Project Fees
- County Supervisor Joins Staff On Food Inspection
- EMD Hosts Workshop On Completion Of CERS Transition Plan
- Staff Attends CUPA Training Conference

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Land Use Review Project Fees

EMD Director Val Siebal and Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Chief Elise Rothschild presented the Proposed Land Use Project Fees to the Board of Supervisors and shared information regarding extensive public outreach. The Board unanimously approved the resolution and adopted the revised Land Use Review Project Fee Schedule.

Supervisor Joins Staff On Food Inspection

Supervisor Phil Serna joined Environmental Specialist (ES) Dennis Catanyag on a food inspection and witnessed the green/yellow/red placarding process.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

“How To Get A Green” Retail Food Workshop

One “How To Get A Green” Workshop was conducted in Cantonese during the month of January with 7 attendees.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshops was held with four businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in January with 49 participants representing 13 facilities. Three classes were conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in English, and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Andrea Leisy and Jason McCoy, two recently appointed Commission members, to review reporting requirements and scheduled meeting topics.

North Central Regional LEA Roundtable

EMD's Solid Waste Team (Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ESs Lea Gibson, Victoria Krohn and John Lewis) hosted a meeting of the North Central Region Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Roundtable. Topics discussed at the meeting included legislation and regulation updates, mandatory commercial recycling regulations, emissions from green waste handling, anaerobic digestion and five-year permit reviews.

Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support to the January 31st meeting of the SEC. EHD Chief John Rogers provided a brief explanation of S. 510, the new federal Food Safety Modernization Act. The following persons provided information regarding local levee vegetation: Meegan Nagy, Chief, Flood Protection and Navigation Division of the Sacramento District of the Army Corps of Engineers; Mike Inamine, Principal Engineer and Levees Manager, California FloodSAFE Program of the California Department of Water Resources; and Raymond Trethaway, Executive Director of the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

Swim School Energy Project

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza and ES Rashmi Nair attended a meeting at the Foundation for Pool and Spa Industry Education (FPSIE) regarding the Debbie Meyer Swim School Pools Makeover. The objective of the swim school project is to determine the amount of energy savings that can be achieved by applying current knowledge and the latest technologies while maintaining superior water clarity and sanitation. Participants in the project include EMD, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Davis Energy Group, FPSIE, contractors, manufacturers, distributors and others.

County Project/Subdivision Review

ES Cheryl Hawkins attended two meetings of the Sacramento County Project Subdivision Review Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to review land use projects in Sacramento County.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which featured a presentation by Supervising ES Kelly McCoy on "How to Survive a Health Inspection". Phil Davis, Regional Coordinator of the Red Cross, presented information on meal distribution during a disaster. EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez also participated in the meeting.

Well Water Technical Advisory Committee

ES Cheryl Hawkins attended a meeting of the Well Water Technical Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH). The committee includes representatives from California counties, water agencies, the Groundwater Association and the California Department of Public Health. Meeting topics included statewide issues that involve drilling, destroying and modifying wells, spring development and small water systems.

California Public Health Alliance For Workforce Excellence

EHD Chief John Rogers attended a meeting of the California Public Health Alliance for Workforce Excellence comprised of leadership from public health agencies, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations. The Alliance is tasked with creating and maintaining excellence in California's public health workforce through planning and coordination with key partners.

California Electronic Reporting System (CERS)

CERS is a statewide web-based system to support California Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) and Participating Agencies (PAs) in electronically collecting and reporting various hazardous materials-related data as mandated by the California Health and Safety Code and new 2008 legislation (AB 2286). All regulated businesses and local governments are required to submit their regulatory reports electronically by 2013. As the CUPA for Sacramento County, EMD hosted a workshop to provide information on completion of the CERS transition plan. EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD and ECD Division Chiefs and Information Technology Manager Geoff Marsh also met with representatives from Decade Software, LLC, providers of EnvisionConnect (software which is utilized by agencies responsible for environmental regulation and public safety) to discuss a web portal for Sacramento County which will allow regulated businesses to enter data electronically.

California Retail Food Safety Coalition (CRFSC)

EHD Chief John Rogers, Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez and Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz participated in a meeting of the California Retail Food Safety Coalition (CRFSC) to discuss guidelines and implementation strategies for recently passed legislation (SB 602) which requires that all food prep employees maintain a food handler card. Participants at the meeting included representatives from the food industry, State Department of Public Health and various County Directors of Environmental Health.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

7 Habits Of Highly Effective People

EMD Director Val Siebal, EMD Division Chiefs, Deputy Division Chiefs and Supervisors participated in a Franklin Covey two-day training session on the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People". Attendees were provided with information on how to more effectively lead staff by improving communication, strengthening relationships, increasing their circle of influence and focusing on critical priorities.

Well Diagnostics/Well Modification

ES Cheryl Hawkins attended training on well diagnostics and well modification/rehabilitation presented by the California Department of Public Health. Representatives from various regulatory agencies from throughout California were also in attendance.

13th Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

ECD Chief Elise Rothschild, Deputy Chief Marie Woodin and seventeen ESs attended the 13th Annual Training Conference. The theme for the conference was "TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More". The conference provided regulators, consultants and the regulated community a wide array of training opportunities including hazardous materials and waste, underground and above ground storage tanks and contaminated site cleanup and enforcement. The conference also served as a forum for regulators and the regulated community to collaboratively discuss successes and areas of improvement.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Marie Woodin was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Environmental Compliance Division.

JANUARY 2011 BY THE NUMBERS

		January 2011	To Date FY 2010-11
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
4	A. Green – Pass	1,244	6,123
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	73	324
	C. Red – Closed	7	61
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	2	20
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,584	7,603
3.	Farm Labor Camps	1	31
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	2,320
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	22	150
6.	Liquid Waste	8	103
7.	Medical Waste	37	107
8.	Small Water Systems	5	26
9.	Wells	76	528
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	41	176
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	70	470
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	99	710
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	41	264
14.	Storm Water	168	839
15.	Waste Tire	0	310
16.	Tobacco Retailer	51	295
17.	Commercial Recycling	80	316
18.	Multi-Family Recycling	35	38
19.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	1	309
	Total	2,321	14,615
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	21	139
2.	Consumer Complaints	52	455
3.	Food Borne Illness	4	103
4.	Incident Response	21	175
5.	Solid Waste	9	75
6.	Storm Water	168	498
7.	Waste Tire	0	11
8.	Childhood Lead	0	5
	Total	275	1,461
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	49	395
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	4	21
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	7	22
	Total	60	438
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	400	2,672
2.	Monitoring Wells	70	586
3.	Food Facilities	88	589
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	24	298
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	7	81
6.	Land Use	9	96
7.	Local Oversight Program	1	21
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,389	10,979
	Total	1,988	15,322
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,460	69,402
2.	Public Record Reviews	22	154
	Total	9,482	69,556