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WELCOME TO EMD'S INAUGURAL NEWSLETTER...

We are excited about the work we are doing at EMD! EMD is dedicated to implementing the County's strategic objectives of keeping residents healthy and free from preventable disease and safe from environmental hazards.

In this and future newsletters, we seek to share news and highlights relating to our recent activities.



We hope that you enjoy this inaugural edition of EMD News & Notes.

Val Siebal,
EMD Director

EMD STORMWATER PROGRAM WINS PRESTIGIOUS CASQA AWARD!!!

In September 2007, the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) presented one of its prestigious 2007 Stormwater Awards to the Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program of the Environmental Management Department's (EMD's) Water Protection Division. EMD was recognized with CASQA's *Outstanding Source Control/Programmatic BMP Implementation Award* for its implementation of the Sacramento Region's Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program on behalf of the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership (SSQP).

The SSQP is comprised of state-permitted municipal agencies from the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, and the unincorporated area of Sacramento County. EMD and the SSQP collaborate to implement the Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program which actively protects our region's waterways. The County of Sacramento's Department of Water Resources and other County Departments have partnered with EMD to support effective and quality delivery of the Stormwater Program.



EMD is working to protect our water quality...
Pictured, left to right, are EMD staff: John Lewis, Lea Gibson, Cecilia Jensen, and Sean Daneluk. Presenting the award to EMD, is Jeff Endicott, CASQA Awards Chair.

EMD's implementation of the Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program has been successful because it has these key components:

- Consistency
- Education
- Quality Inspections
- Efficiency
- Compliance Assurance





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EMD WINS PRESTIGIOUS CASQA AWARD, continued





EMD's Stormwater Program was initiated in July 2004 with oversight at nine types of business, including auto body shops, auto dealers, auto repair shops, equipment rental agencies, nurseries, kennels, restaurants, retail gas outlets, and facilities covered under the State General Industrial Stormwater Permit.

The main components of EMD's Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program are described below.



Consistency:

-  One Countywide inspection program across the many jurisdictions represented by the SSQP.
-  EMD provides a consistent regulatory experience for businesses in the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, and the unincorporated County area.
-  Creation of a level playing field for Sacramento's businesses concerning program policy and enforcement.
-  Assurance that equal resources are applied towards water protection in every community in Sacramento.




Education:

-  Initial program emphasis on education rather than enforcement.
-  Creation and distribution of business-specific Compliance Assistance Bulletins, brochures, Best Management Practices guidelines, resource lists, and employee training guidelines with the County's Department of Water Resources and the Business Environmental Resource Center.
-  Language translations of educational materials in order to better meet the diverse needs of the regulated community.
-  Delivery of many compliance assistance and training workshops.




Quality Inspections:

-  Triennial business inspections (approximately 5,000 in the first three years) by knowledgeable, well-trained staff.
-  Compliance consultations during inspections.

Efficiency:

-  Use of inspection checklists to ensure standardization.
-  Cross-training of EMD inspectors to perform stormwater inspections at gas stations, hazardous materials and food facilities to offer businesses consolidated inspections, reducing the number of different inspectors businesses must encounter.
-  Funding/fees paid by regulated businesses, not general taxes.

Compliance Assurance:

-  Triennial routine inspections.
-  Re-inspections as necessary and accelerated "Monitoring Status" for repeat violations to guarantee compliance.
-  EMD's commitment to education, inspection and enforcement advances the ultimate goal of improving water quality for the Sacramento Region.

EMD is honored to have received the prestigious CASQA Award and remains dedicated to improved water quality through responsible stormwater quality management in the Sacramento area.

**NEW EMD PROGRAM:
MANDATORY BUSINESS RECYCLING**



On March 8, 2007, the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA) adopted a Business Recycling Ordinance for businesses and non-residential properties in the City of Sacramento and unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

The Ordinance applies to businesses or buildings that subscribe to **4 cubic yards or greater** of garbage collection service per week. This is the first such mandatory business recycling program in any metropolitan area of California. The Ordinance is expected to affect over 16,000 locations that include over 20,000 businesses, making the SWA program one of the largest in the nation. Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SWA, the Hazardous Materials Division within EMD is responsible for the implementation of this Ordinance.



State law (AB 939) requires that 50% of the waste generated be reduced or recycled. Almost all homes have a recycling program available, but it is estimated that only 20% of area businesses engage in a meaningful recycling effort.

Qualifying businesses or facilities within the SWA region must comply with the following requirements:

-  Keep recyclable materials separate from the garbage waste stream;
-  Provide recycling on-site by entering into a written service with a Franchised Waste Hauler or Authorized Recycler, or register to self haul your recyclables;
-  Establish a recycling program in accordance with the Business Recycling Ordinance (i.e. employee training, labeled recycling containers, signage, etc.); and
-  Maintain recycling documents (service agreement or self-haul form) on-site and available for review.

EMD will implement the Business Recycling Program in four overlapping phases:

- **Phase 1:** Development of database of commercial waste generators in the SWA region.
- **Phase 2:** Ongoing education and outreach.
- **Phase 3:** Site inspections with education as the main objective.
- **Phase 4:** Follow-up inspections and, if necessary, enforcement action.

For more information, call (916) 875-8550 or go on-line at www.SacramentoSWA.com

EMD ISSUES 2006-2007 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN FOOD SAFETY

In September 2007, EMD's Environmental Health Division issued its annual Awards of Excellence in Food Safety to qualifying food facilities. More than 500 2006-07 Awards of Excellence were issued in association with September's *Food Safety Education Month* activities.



Five hundred and thirty-five (535) food facilities within Sacramento County earned the 2006-2007 Award of Excellence for Food Safety. EMD inspects approximately 5,500 restaurants, retail markets, bakeries, bars and schools food safety compliance. The Award recipients were recognized for exhibiting excellent food safety and sanitation standards during their last three consecutive routine inspections. Award recipients had no major violations during any recent food safety inspections and very few, if any, minor violations.

Each retail food facility receiving the Award received a special Certificate (shown above) that may be posted at the food establishment signifying their accomplishment. Award recipients work diligently to achieve high standards of food safety and this Award is attained through the hard work and dedication of food facility staff and management.

In addition, each year approximately ten of the awarded businesses receive recognition and are presented their certificate by the Board of Supervisors.

Is your favorite food facility a 2006-2007 Award of Excellence for Food Safety recipient? You can view a listing of all 2006-2007 Award recipients and learn more about the award criteria at www.emd.SacCounty.net/EH/EMDFoodSafetyAwards.htm.

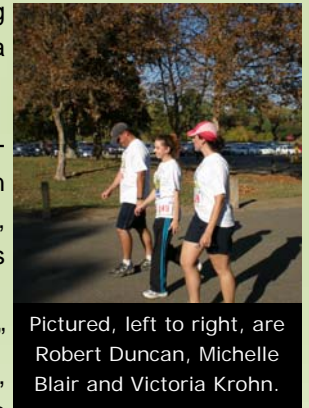
EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN: EMD STAFF GIVE BACK

October 2007 marked the month for the County's Employee Giving Campaign "Step Out for Your Community." EMD contributed to this Countywide campaign in three ways:

- Participation in the 5K Run/Walk
- Chili Cook-Off Contest
- Federation Contributions

EMD had three teams participating in the 5K Run/Walk which raised a total of \$658.00. EMD teams were:

- The "Reg Comp Renegades" consisted of Ryan Artz, Terry Kociemba, Sophia Jella', Justin Ross and Mike Simpson.
- The "Critical Violations" comprised of Debbie Katz, Jim Guilliams, Lisa Christy, Rob Milano and Cheryl Hawkins.
- The "Mud Puppies" which included Susan Williams, Jack Bellan, Robert Duncan, Victoria Krohn and Michelle Blair.



Pictured, left to right, are Robert Duncan, Michelle Blair and Victoria Krohn.

The EMD Chili Cook-Off raised \$285.00 and had a total of twelve different chili entries with such names as: "24 to 48" Hour Payback," "Blowin' the Blanket Back Beans," "It Ain't Roadkill" and "Omigod Flame Thrower Chili."

The winners of the Chili Cook-Off contest were:

- First Place: Barry Marcus' "Mrs. Tom Bradley's Chili"
- Second Place: Sue Erikson's "Louisiana Fat's Fabulous Chili"
- Third Place: Terri Fox's "Blowin' the Blanket Back Beans"
- Fourth Place Tie: Jeni Van Dusen's "Troublemaker" and Elizabeth Valtierra's "Elizabethan Chili."

A special thanks to those who contributed chili, cornbread, condiments and to Marie Woodin and Linda Jimenez for coordinating the event.

With the addition of staff donations, EMD's contribution to the Employee Giving Campaign totaled \$6,187.00.

EMD ACTIVITY SUMMARY

EMD Program Element	July-Dec 2007
Food Placarding	Total: 4,618
Green (Pass)	4,124
Yellow (Conditional Pass)	428
Red (Closed)	66
Inspections	Total: 12,257
Food Protection	5,737
Farm Labor Camps	18
Public Swimming Pools/Spas	2,282
Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	136
Liquid Waste	221
Medical Waste	67
Small Water Systems	20
Water & Monitoring Wells	607
Underground Storage Tank (UST) Facilities	229
UST Installations, Upgrade/Repair & Removal	79
Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	423
Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	613
Stormwater	638
Waste Tire	283
Tobacco Retailers	246
Commercial Recycling	658

EMD Program Element	July-Dec 2007
Investigations	Total: 616
Food Borne Illness Complaint	107
Incident Response	308
Stormwater Complaint	136
Waste Tire	57
Childhood Lead	8
Workshop Attendance	Total: 1,078
Food Safety Education (Food School)	327
Hazardous Materials Business Plan	60
How To Get A Green Placard	669
Stormwater Compliance Workshop (General)	22
Permits, Plans & Reviews	Total: 13,029
Hazardous Materials Business Plans	2,559
Monitoring Wells	268
Food Facilities	589
Public Swimming Pools/Spas	174
UST Installations, Upgrades/Repairs & Removals	98
Land Use	77
Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	9,264
Information Management	Total: 83,316
Documents Imaged	83,150
Public Record Reviews	166

**County of Sacramento
Board of Supervisors**

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 Ann Edwards-Buckley, Deputy Administrator
 Val Siebal, EMD Director

HELLOS, GOODBYES & SERVICE RECOGNITION

for July – December 2007

New Hires

Promotions

Service Awards

Retirements

Jane Auyeung Rebecca Bahr Jan Bradshaw Elena Drobenyuk Shirley Fong Laura Henry Travis Lawrence	Mario Martin John Moehring Elizabeth Olson Eric Sutton Joseph Terefe Elizabeth Valtierra Toua Yang
Judinae Ablang Amanda Hakim Victoria Krohn Kristin Ledbetter Janet Martin Matthew Mulcahy	Justin Ross Michael Simpson Sara Vining Kari Wagner Sharon Zimmerman
Anthony Chu — 10 years Toua Khang — 15 years Kevin Smith — 15 years	
Faith King	

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