

Highlights

- Expanded media coverage of Retail Food Safety Program
- Community and Agency Outreach by Water Protection Division
- EMD staff fundraisers collect \$4,400 for Tsunami relief

Welcome to the February 2005 EMD Update. This issue contains process improvements, collaboration, training, outreach and workshops that occurred in January 2005.

Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to June Livingston at (916) 875-8491 or LivingstonJ@SacCounty.net

January 2005 Summary By The Numbers

- 2,023 Inspections Completed, year to date
- 13,632 Documents Imaged, year to date

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Well Code Enforcement

Due to the extensive effort of Environmental Specialists (ES's) Terry Kociemba and Susan Williams, the Water Protection Division (WPD) has resolved a long-standing enforcement case related to multiple well construction violations at a large subdivision. Corrections were made and a settlement was reached in the amount of \$21,700.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Watch What You Eat

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief Richard Sanchez and Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston were interviewed for the UPN Channel 31 segment titled, "Watch What You Eat" by Reporter Naj Alikahn concerning a restaurant with compliance issues. Regular weekly segments air on Monday mornings during the "Good Day Sacramento" show.

Public Notification of Food Inspections

EMD Director Mel Knight provided an interview to *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Mike Dunne regarding public notification of Food Inspection results.

Media Day Event

CMO June Livingston participated in a "Media Day" event sponsored by the Nonprofit Resource Center.

APPOINTMENTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

Director To Serve Additional Term

EMD Director Mel Knight was appointed to serve an additional term as a Department Head representative to the County Equal Employment Opportunity Committee.

WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Material Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP Workshops were held with 10 businesses attending.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento County Water Agency

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and staff met with representatives from the Sacramento County Water Agency to introduce WPD programs and to discuss areas for collaboration and coordination.

County's Dumping Response Team

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and ES Tammy Derby participated in a County Dumping Response Team meeting to continue discussions on the County's role in responding to illegal dumping.

Onsite Sewage Treatment Systems

Supervising Environmental Specialists (ES) from the WPD met with representatives from the University of California, Davis and local developers to evaluate an advanced onsite sewage treatment system that could be used to treat individual homes' sewage effluent to levels that could greatly reduce any potential impact to groundwater.

City/County Emergency Preparedness Exercise

EMD staff and management participated in the joint City/County Emergency Operations Center preparedness exercise that included a simulated flood emergency. EMD had a role and responsibility in the Health, Fire/HazMat and Planning Sections.

EMD Office Space

EMD Director Mel Knight met with multiple County agency representatives to confirm planning and process for future EMD office space.

Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and staff met with representatives of the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum to discuss coordination on protecting the groundwater resource from contamination and the public from negative health impacts related to groundwater contamination.

California Restaurant Association

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy met with representatives from the California Restaurant Association to discuss Plan Review processes and other issues of mutual interest.

County Legislative Advocate

EMD Director Mel Knight and CMO June Livingston met with the County Legislative Advocate's Office to discuss interest and activity related to County legislative positions.

Combined System Overflows

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, and County Health Officer Dr. Glennah Trochet met with representatives from the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities to discuss a coordinated response to combined sewer system overflows.

Proposed Easton Project

EMD staff and management participated in multiple meetings related to the proposed Easton project on the Gencorp/Aerojet property. EMD will serve as the lead agency for the “clean closure” of a former landfill on the property.

Countywide Services Agency

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a Countywide Services Agency meeting and received an orientation to the responsibilities and activities of the County Coroner’s Office.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) Meeting

Department Secretary Linda Jimenez and EMD Director Mel Knight provided staff support to the January SEC meeting. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) A presentation on the Proposed EMD Policy for Management of Enforcement Revenue by HMD Chief Dennis Green; and (2) Presentations on Flood Control by Stein Buer, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA); Mark Charlton, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Rod Mayer, California Department of Water Resources.

PERSONNEL

Staff Fundraising

EMD staff initiated fundraising activities—including a bake sale and luncheon events—which raised \$4,400 for Tsunami relief.

New Employees

Chris Toyooka was hired as an Account Clerk II in Accounting and Finance.
David Chan was hired as a Senior Student Intern in EHD.

Promotions

Sophia Jella, Zarha Ruiz and David Wong were promoted to the position of Environmental Specialist III in EHD.

Retirement

Supervising Environmental Specialist Robert Berger retired from the Environmental Health Division after 32+ years of County Service.

January 2005 BY THE NUMBERS

		January 2005	Year To Date
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,206	1,206
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	137	137
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	0
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	6	6
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	20	20
6.	Liquid Waste	58	58
7.	Medical Waste	9	9
8.	Small Water Systems	1	1
9.	Water Production/Monitoring Wells	102	102
10.	Remediation Project Monitoring Wells	74	74
11.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	25	25
12.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	82	82
13.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	128	128
14.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	31	31
15.	Storm Water	99	99
16.	Waste Tire	6	6
17.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>
	Total	2,023	2,023
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	56	56
2.	Food Borne Illness	15	15
3.	Incident Response	44	44
4.	Storm Water	17	17
5.	Waste Tire	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>
	Total	160	160
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	418	418
2.	Monitoring Wells	70	70
3.	Food Facilities	156	156
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	28	28
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	39	39
6.	Land Use	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
	Total	731	731
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	13,632	13,632
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>
	Total	13,655	13,655

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