



# Environmental Management Department

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## ***Highlights***

- ***Two EMD Teams Selected for Stars of Excellence Awards***
- ***Electronic Imaging of all Haz Mat Cleanup Sites Begins***
- ***Continued Media Interest and Activities Related to Restaurant Inspections/Food Safety***
- ***Robert Bailey of Folsom Appointed to Sacramento Environmental Commission***

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

***Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or [JimenezL@SacCounty.net](mailto:JimenezL@SacCounty.net)***

## **March 2005 Summary By The Numbers**

- 2,094 Inspections completed this month
- 5,729 Inspections Completed, year to date
- 42,168 Documents Imaged, year to date

## **NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### County Stars of Excellence

EMD's Food Safety Education and 7-11 Enforcement Teams were selected to receive awards at the upcoming Sacramento County Employee Recognition Ceremony to be held in May 2005.

## **NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION**

### Vegetarian Restaurant Inspection

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston was interviewed by a reporter from *The Sacramento Bee* concerning a vegetarian restaurant Inspection Report found online. The resulting article was published on Sunday, April 3, 2005.

### Petting Zoos

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief Richard Sanchez conducted an interview with a reporter from KFBK Radio concerning illnesses related to Petting Zoos.

### Enforcement Revenue

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green conducted an interview with *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Cameron Jahn regarding revenue derived from enforcement activities. To view the published article, go to <http://www.sacbee.com/content/business/smallbusiness/story/12528264p-13383685c.html>.

### Food Inspection Reports

Naj Alikahn, News Reporter for UPN Television Station 31, continues to review selected online EMD Food Inspection Reports during the "Watch What You Eat" segment of the Monday morning edition of *Good Day Sacramento*.

### Revenue Rebate

HMD Chief Dennis Green forwarded an article to the California Independent Oil Marketers Association (CIOMA) relating to rebating revenue derived from enforcement activities to compliant businesses. CMO June Livingston forwarded an additional article concerning the revenue rebate program to the Automotive Service Council (ASC).

## **APPOINTMENTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

### Loma Linda University

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez was interviewed by a representative from Loma Linda University relative to local Environmental Health Programs.

### Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee (EEOA)

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in activities of the EEOA Committee as a Department Head representative.

### Electronic Document Management

The IT Imaging Team began scanning and indexing active Site Assessment and Mitigation paper files for conversion to EMD's electronic document management system. The project will continue for several months.

## **WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH**

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

A total of six FSE classes were conducted in March. Four FSE classes were conducted on-site with 64 participants representing 24 facilities; two off-site FSE classes were conducted with 36 participants in attendance.

### California Conference of Local Health Officials (CCLHO)

HMD Chief Dennis Green and Supervising ES Elise Rothschild met in Oakland (CA) with representatives of CCLHO to address questions and concerns relative to AB 1078 - Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005. Subsequently, CCLHO voted to support the legislation.

### Stormwater Compliance Workshop

ESs John Lewis, Ken Ballard and Tiffany Beaudry participated in a planning workshop with representatives from the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) to develop a Stormwater Compliance Workshop presentation for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD) Compliance Workshop.

### Food Protection Program

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and Supervising ES Mark Barcellos conducted a Public Workshop to discuss proposed revisions to specific fees in the Department's Food Protection Program.

### Franklin High School

CMO June Livingston and ES Zarha Ruiz conducted food safety presentations for two Science Classes at Franklin High School. Approximately 60 students were in attendance.

### City of Rancho Cordova

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with representatives from the City of Rancho Cordova to provide an update on EMDs Stormwater Compliance Program.

### Food Policy Committee

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez attended a meeting of the Food Policy Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH).

### Bay Area Regional CUPA Forum

HMD Chief Dennis Green chaired the Bay Area Regional Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum held in Martinez (CA).

### Hazardous Material Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with 8 businesses attending.

California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association

Supervising ES Elise Rothschild, in collaboration District Attorneys from two other counties and a U.S. Attorney, presented information on the statewide 7-11 UST case at the Annual Conference of the California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association. Elise also served as a presenter during a "hands-on" discussion of enforcement scenarios and available enforcement options.

**PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**Future EMD Facilities

EMD Director Mel Knight met with representatives of County Real Estate and Architectural Services regarding plans for future EMD facilities.

Preliminary FY 2005-06 Budget

Interim Budget Officer Jan Gibson and Accounting Manager Wageeh Elgammal assisted the EMD Management Team in preparation and submittal of the Department's Preliminary 2005-06 Fiscal Year Budget.

Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in a meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Council to address requests for expanded EMD activities.

Groundwater Contamination

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ESs Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage met with representatives of the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum to assist in the development of draft groundwater contamination response protocols.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, IT Analyst John Stender and Environmental Compliance Technician Maria Adney met with representatives from CIWMB to discuss the Department's Waste Tire Grant Program.

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with representatives from the County Department of Water Quality and the Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District to discuss FOG (fats, oils and grease).

American Lung Association (ALA)

EMD Director Mel Knight chaired the ALA Blue Ribbon Panel that selected the 2005 Clean Air Champions.

Sanitary Sewage Overflows (SSOs)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage attended a meeting with representatives from the City of Sacramento and the County Department of Water Quality to discuss response to Sanitary Sewage Overflows.

Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, and Senior Office Assistant Marie Ramos met with representatives of SAWWA to discuss the Cross Connection Program provided to water agencies by EMD.

City of Toronto Health Department

EMD Director Mel Knight, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, and Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Alicia Enriquez and Kelly McCoy participated in a Conference Call with representatives from the City of Toronto Health Department to garner information regarding their approach to public notification of inspection results.

Food Safety Fact Sheets

EMD and Cooperative Extension collaborated in the production of four Spring Food Safety Fact Sheets highlighting egg safety. To view the fact sheets click on [http://www.emd.saccounty.net/eh/emd\\_foodprotect.htm](http://www.emd.saccounty.net/eh/emd_foodprotect.htm).

Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)

EMD Director Mel Knight, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, HMD Chief Dennis Green, and WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with Rob White, Manager, BERC, regarding projects and activities of mutual interest.

California Restaurant Association (CRA)

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with the CRA President, Past President and representatives to discuss options and process for enhancing food safety disclosure.

Solid Waste Authority Board

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in a meeting of the Solid Waste Authority Board.

Waste Management and Recycling

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with David Pelsler, Director and Pat Quinn, Waste Management Program Manager, Department of Waste Management and Recycling to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Countywide Services Agency (CSA)

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a meeting with other CSA Departments and Paul Lake to discuss future use of performance measures or indicators.

County Dumping Response Team

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and ES Tammy Derby attended a meeting of the County Dumping Response Team.

Sewage Overflow – Southside Pond

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and County Health Officer Glennah Trochet participated in a meeting with the Southside Park Neighborhood Association to discuss sewage overflow.

Medical Marijuana Task Force

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez attended two meetings of the Sacramento County Medical Marijuana Task Force.

County Health Officer

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with Glennah Trochet, MD, County Health Officer to discuss items of mutual interest.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

EMD All Staff Meeting

EMD staff attended the Department's Bi-Annual All Staff Meeting. The Agenda included presentations by ESs Dave Steele, Jannine Talusik, Zarha Ruiz, Terry Kociemba, Ken Ballard, and Chris Pace, Principal Information Technology Analyst Geoff Marsh, and Information Technology Analyst John Stender. Countywide Services Agency Administrator Penelope Clarke, County Health Officer Glennah Trochet, and County Board of Supervisors District I Chief of Staff Cortez Quinn also shared information.

County Auditor-Controller

HMD Chief Dennis Green and Supervising Environmental Specialist Anthony Chu presented information to County Auditor-Controller representatives concerning a proposed revision of fees for the California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program. Resulting discussions led to the receipt of an endorsement letter from the Department of Finance in support of the proposed fee basis and methodology.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) Meeting

EMD Director Mel Knight and Department Secretary Linda Jimenez provided staff support to the March meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included presentations on: (1) Proposed Fee Adjustments in the Consumer Protection Program by EHD Chief Richard Sanchez; (2) Recommended School Standards at Various Air Quality Index Levels by Larry Greene, Air Pollution Control Officer, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; and (3) Brownfields Project Update and Status Report by Rob White, Manager, Business Environmental Resource Center.

## **TRAINING**

### HazWoper Training

An annual 8-hour HazWoper Refresher Training Class was presented by ES Mark Trask. Attendees included field inspection personnel from HMD, the Site Assessment and Mitigation Group from the Water Protection Division (WPD), and other selected personnel from both the Environmental Health and Water Protection Divisions.

### California Water Environment Association

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and ESs John Lewis and Ken Ballard attended the Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention and Stormwater Conference of the California Water Environment Association held in Monterey (CA).

### Envision Connect

IT staff members participated in several prototype review sessions for the upcoming pilot implementation of Envision Connect. The Envision Connect Program will allow data to be captured directly onto a tablet PC during on-site inspections.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Mel Knight and staff provided an orientation to newly appointed SEC member Robert Bailey. Commissioner Bailey was appointed to represent Folsom, Isleton and Galt. Mr. Bailey previously retired as Superintendent of Waste Management and Recycling for the City of Folsom.

### Association of Environmental Health and Sciences (AEHS)

Supervising ES Dana Booth, ES Jack Bellan, and ES Charley Langer attended the Fifteenth Annual AEHS West Coast Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water held in San Diego (CA).

## **PERSONNEL**

### Administrative Services Officer

EMD Director Mel Knight interviewed candidates for the position of Administrative Services Officer II. Rhonda Engellenner was appointed and will join EMD in mid-April.

### Retirements

ES Carol Good retired from the EHD and was presented with a Resolution from the County Board of Supervisors commending her on 21+ years of service to the County of Sacramento. Secretary (Confidential) Cheryl Caro retired from the EHD after serving the County for 14+ years.

### New Employees

Christina Menefee was hired as a Senior Office Specialist in EHD. Jason Smalley was hired as an Environmental Specialist I in EHD.

**MARCH 2005 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>March 2005</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,368	3,644
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	145	390
3.	Farm Labor Camps	2	6
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	8
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	22	58
6.	Liquid Waste	27	97
7.	Medical Waste	3	17
8.	Small Water Systems	0	6
9.	Wells	59	242
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	38	98
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	97	257
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	126	371
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	36	97
14.	Storm Water	100	293
15.	Waste Tire	20	26
16.	Tobacco Retailer	50	119
	Total	2,094	5,729
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	54	177
2.	Food Borne Illness	8	39
3.	Incident Response	30	114
4.	Storm Water	18	41
5.	Waste Tire	4	54
	Total	114	425
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	368	1,094
2.	Monitoring Wells	19	165
3.	Food Facilities	160	434
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	27	78
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	103	172
6.	Land Use	13	53
	Total	690	1,996
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	17,356	42,168
2.	Public Record Reviews	28	74
	Total	17,384	42,242

**COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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