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Welcome to the June 2005 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of May 2005. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.

Highlights

- EMD staff receive recognition and awards
- Environmental Health staff investigate report of significant food borne illness
- Board of Supervisors declares "Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week"
- Staff surpasses 5,000 inspection mark for food facility inspections in this calendar year to date

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Environmental Management
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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

County Stars of Excellence

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Elise Rothschild received a "Gold Award" for her contribution to the Sacramento Area Green Business Formation Committee. Supervising ES Elise Rothschild and ESs Heather Tanner, Chris Pace, Duane O'Donnell (former EMD employee), Eileen Glatt and Yalew Kebede (retired EMD employees) received a "Gold Award" for a successful joint enforcement action. ES Heather Tanner also received "Department Level Recognition" for revisions to the HazMat Area Plan.

Bronze Award Received

Environmental Health Division (EHD) ESs Jannine Talusik, Renee Manwaring and Carol Good (retired EMD employee) received a "Bronze Award" for Food Safety Education for Restaurants as part of the County Stars of Excellence recognition program.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

Water Protection Division (WPD) ES Tammy Derby was awarded the CIWMB "Ralph S. Hunter" Award for outstanding work in the field of Solid Waste Management.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Homeless Campsites

ES Maria Adney conducted an interview with *The Sacramento Bee* relative to homeless campsites. To view the published article, go to <http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/12858356p-13707800c.htm>.

UPN Television Station 31

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston was contacted by UPN Reporter Naj Aikahn regarding updated information on a restaurant serving Hispanic cuisine. The resulting segment was broadcast on May 9, 2005.

Hazardous Materials Incident

Supervising ES Elise Rothschild and ES Ryan Artz, HMD Incident Response Team members, responded to a commercial vehicle accident involving a citrus-based cleaner. Businesses in the surrounding area were evacuated as a precautionary measure.

Elk Grove Community Services District

CMO June Livingston and ES Sonia Lee met with staff of the Elk Grove Community Services District to discuss a media event at the Wackford Community and Aquatic Center.

Recreational Water Illness Prevention

ES Sonia Lee and County Health Officer Dr. Glennah Trochet conducted interviews with KCRA Channel 3 highlighting swimming pool safety. The resulting segment included a Resolution from the County Board of Supervisors proclaiming May 23-30, 2005 "Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week in Sacramento County".

Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

CMO June Livingston participated in a statewide REHS Training Coordinator meeting held in Alameda (CA) and also visited the Santa Clara County Consumer Protection Division to view their REHS Training Program.

Sewage Disposal

Sacramento Bee Reporter Bob Shallit interviewed EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage concerning a restaurant owner's attempt to use a holding tank system for sewage disposal. To view the resulting articles, click on: http://www.sacbee.com/content/business/small_business/story/12940721p-13788494c.htm and <http://www.sacbee.com/business/columns/shallit/story/12950882p-13798481c.htm> and scroll down to "Green Light."

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Employee Recognition Events

The WPD held its first employee recognition event at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center at Ancil Hoffman Park. The HMD held its semi-annual employee recognition event acknowledging staff for their contributions to the success of the Division.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with 10 businesses attending.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Ten FSE classes were conducted in May with 175 participants representing 35 facilities. Three FSE classes were conducted in Cantonese, three in Spanish, and four in English.

Healthy Swimming

Principal Information Technology Analyst (PITA) Geoff Marsh posted Healthy Swimming information to the EMD website, including safety tips for swimmers and aquatic staff. To view the information, click on <http://www.emd.saccounty.net/eh/emdhealthyswimminginfo.htm>.

Solid Waste Facility Operators

EMD hosted a meeting of Solid Waste facility operators to discuss items of mutual interest.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Electronic Imaging of EMD Documents

EMD Director Mel Knight and PITA Geoff Marsh conferred with representatives from the County's Office of Information Technology (OCIT) to refine long range planning for the electronic imaging of EMD documents and records.

Food Borne Illness

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez and CMO June Livingston participated in several meetings with the County's Public Health staff concerning a suspected food borne illness outbreak involving a large number of people.

EMD Web Page

EMD management met with representatives from NetTop Publishing to discuss potential enhancements to the EMD and SEC web pages.

CCDEH Food Safety Committee

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in a conference call of the CCDEH Food Safety Committee.

Computer Server Conversion

Under the direction of John Stender, IT Analyst and Database Administrator, IT staff converted the Envision tracking and billing software database from an older database to a new Microsoft SQL Server. Conversion to this newer, more efficient, database clears a major milestone toward implementation of the new Envision Connect software.

County Dumping Response Team

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez attended a meeting of the Countywide Dumping Response Team.

Sacramento Area Water Works Association

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ESs Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage attended the Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA) Luncheon and provided information relative to the Division.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with the USDA local area chief to discuss a retail site which also sells meat at wholesale prices. Discussion also included other areas of mutual interest.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a conference call on Environmental Workforce Development sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Nuisance Response Team

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez attended a meeting of the Steering Committee for the County Nuisance Response Team.

County Budget Hearings

EMD Director Mel Knight and Budget Officer Kim Smith attended the preliminary County budget hearings.

Document Imaging

Site Assessment and Mitigation documents are currently being imaged as an ingredient of the Department's Document Imaging Project. It is estimated that the current phase of the Project will be completed in late July.

Remediation of Gas Production

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with Supervisor Nottoli and representatives from various County Departments to discuss options for remediation of gas production at a closed landfill.

Groundwater Forum

Supervising ESs Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage attended the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum Stakeholder Meeting and participated in a discussion of groundwater contamination.

State Regional Water Quality Control Board

EMD Director Mel Knight and Division Chiefs Dennis Green, Cecilia Jensen and Richard Sanchez met with the Executive Officer and management of the State Regional Water Quality Control Board to discuss issues areas of continuing collaboration.

WaterReuse Association

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage attended a meeting of the Northern California Chapter of the WaterReuse Association.

Economic Development Department

WPD Site Assessment/Mitigation staff continues to expand their involvement with Economic Development Department activities at McClellan Park by representing the County during Strategic Site discussions.

STAFF PRESENTATIONSAmerican Lung Association

EMD Director Mel Knight served as Chair of the American Lung Association Clean Air Awards Luncheon.

Indian Bilingual Business Success Forum

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy presented information on "How to Open a Retail Food Business" to current and future small business owners attending the Indian Bilingual Business Success Forum.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Mel Knight and Department Secretary Linda Jimenez provided staff support to the May meeting of the SEC. Agenda items included the Disease Prevention Demonstration Program, Land Use Planning and Development, and production of the 2005 Environmental Health Report.

California Waste Association

EMD Director Mel Knight presented the local governmental perspective on solid and hazardous waste regulatory issues at a meeting of the California Waste Association.

TRAININGCal EPA Enforcement Symposium

Supervising ES Elise Rothschild and ES Heather Tanner attended the Cal EPA Enforcement Symposium.

Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)

ESs Terry Kociemba and Susan Williams attended the Inspector Training and Certification for Basic Inspections of OWTS.

CA Onsite Wastewater Association (COWA)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage attended the COWA Educational Symposium and received updates on inspector certification and the status of AB 885. Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage also attended COWA training on Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) drip systems.

Envision Connect

EMD PITA Geoff Marsh, IT Analysts Jim Guilliams and John Stender, IT Technician Rob Milano and select program staff continue to participate in weekly prototyping sessions for the upcoming Envision Connect beta testing.

Risk Assessment Training

WPD Site Assessment/Mitigation staff attended State-sponsored Risk Assessment and Conceptual Site Model training.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and ESs Maria Adney, Tammy Derby and Cheryl Hawkins attended the CIWMB-sponsored Local Enforcement Agency for Solid Waste Conference held in Southern California. ESs Adney, Derby and Hawkins were featured presenters at the statewide conference.

PERSONNELPromotions

Chris Pace was promoted from ES III to ES IV - Supervising Environmental Specialist in the HMD. Maria Adney was promoted from Environmental Compliance Technician II to ES II in the Cross-Connection Program of the WPD.

Jeff Czapla and Sonia Lee were promoted from ES IIs to ES IIIs in the EHD.

Ken Ballard was promoted from ES II to ES III in the WPD.

EMD Budget Officer

Kim Smith, Administrative Services Officer II, joined EMD and is currently serving as the Department's Budget Officer. Kim will also serve as a member of the EMD Human Resources team.

New Employees

Jesus Trujillo was hired as an ES II in the EHD.

Jonathan Pollack was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician in the HMD.

MAY 2005 BY THE NUMBERS

		May 2005	Year To Date
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	931	5,619
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	50	498
3.	Farm Labor Camps	12	20
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	150	163
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	9	79
6.	Liquid Waste	25	140
7.	Medical Waste	19	43
8.	Small Water Systems	25	37
9.	Wells	123	464
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	23	191
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	109	482
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	148	653
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	46	166
14.	Storm Water	191	682
15.	Waste Tire	1	36
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>61</u>	<u>223</u>
	Total	1,923	9,496
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	59	303
2.	Food Borne Illness	19	81
3.	Incident Response	35	184
4.	Storm Water	31	90
5.	Waste Tire	<u>3</u>	<u>64</u>
	Total	147	722
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	332	1,687
2.	Monitoring Wells	34	232
3.	Food Facilities	158	758
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	53	178
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	7	212
6.	Land Use	<u>19</u>	<u>85</u>
	Total	603	3,152
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	17,007	73,878
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>27</u>	<u>121</u>
	Total	17,034	73,999