



# Environmental Management Department

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*Welcome to the February 2006 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of January 2006. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.*

### **Highlights**

- *EMD Receives Board Approval To Initiate New Office Facility Negotiations*
- *Revised Flood Recovery Information Posted to EMD's Website*
- *Closed Food Facilities Added To By The Numbers Report*
- *EMD Conducts Meth Lab Cleanup Workshop*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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## **NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Board Approves Initiation of Facility Negotiations**

On January 24, 2006, EMD received approval from the Board of Supervisors to initiate negotiations for a "Lease-Purchase" agreement for a facility to be located in the Mather Field Complex.

### **Department Blood Drive**

Environmental Specialist (ES) Maria Adney organized a Departmental Blood Drive wherein nineteen (19) donations were received at a Blood Source van parked onsite. Most of the collected donations were earmarked for Katrina victims.

## **NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION**

### **Public Record Request**

EMD received a public records request from KCRA Channel 3 for inspection reports regarding enforcement actions with a major retail box store.

### **Restaurant Closure**

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston provided an interview to UPN Channel 31/CBS Channel 13 regarding closure of a local Mexican restaurant.

### **Food Safety Fact Sheet**

CMO June Livingston provided a food safety fact sheet to the Natomas Journal for Seniors for upcoming articles on food protection.

Flood Recovery

CMO June Livingston was interviewed by *Sacramento Bee* Report Deb Kollars regarding flood recovery.

**COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH**Food Safety Education (FSE)

Two FSE classes were conducted in January with 18 participants representing 8 facilities. One FSE class was conducted in English and one in Spanish.

Flood Recovery

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and CMO June Livingston revised flood recovery information which was posted to EMD's website by Principal Information Technology Analyst Geoff Marsh.

Food Industry Representatives

EMD Director Mel Knight, Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Alicia Enriquez, and Kelly McCoy and ES Jannine Talusik met with food industry representatives to discuss components of the Food Safety Program Enhancements – Phase II.

Percolation Testing and Soils Modeling

Water Protection Division (WPD) staff presented a workshop on percolation testing and soils modeling for onsite wastewater system contractors and designers.

Food Inspection Protocols

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos met with representatives of a local grocery chain to discuss inspection protocols in preparation for the upcoming Food Safety Program Enhancements.

**PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**City of Rancho Cordova

EMD Director Mel Knight met with the Public Works Director and senior management representatives from the City of Rancho Cordova to discuss ongoing EMD activities in the City.

Water Recycling

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen participated on the Water Recycling Advisory Committee, formed by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, to evaluate expansion of the District's Water Recycling Program.

Envision Tracking Database

Senior Information Technology Analyst John Stender successfully migrated Cross Connection Program data into the Department's Envision Database. Sacramento is the first County in California to be utilizing the new Envision Cross Connection module.

Septic System Test Drill Map

Information Technology (IT) staff updated the Septic System Test Drill hand-drawn map from 1981 to a GIS-compliant document. The GIS-base map is more accurate and can be easily adjusted when changes occur.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory (BAFTA) Committee

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy represented the Department at a meeting of BAFTA held in Alameda County.

### Enforcement Hearing

EMD Director Knight, Supervising ESs Tammy Derby and Steve Kalvelage, and ES Terry Kociemba testified in an Administrative Enforcement Hearing for a closed landfill site with explosive levels of landfill gas generation and migration violations.

### Dairy Program

EMD Director Mel Knight and Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez met with officials from the State Department of Food and Agriculture and a number of local dairy owners to discuss options for the County's future role in the Dairy Inspection Program. IT staff began document preparation and indexing for transfer of the Department's Dairy files to the State of California.

### Solid Waste Authority

HMD Chief Dennis Green participated in several meetings with staff of the Sacramento Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Board to discuss the Department's involvement in the implementation and enforcement of a new commercial waste recycling program.

### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

ES Debbie Katz participated in a meeting of the Northern California Regional Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP), the Sacramento CLPPP and in meetings of the Sacramento Area Lead Alliance.

### California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health

Supervising ES Tammy Derby participated, as the North Central Region Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) representative, in a meeting of the CCDEH Solid Waste Policy Committee.

### REHS Program

CMO June Livingston, the Department's Coordinator for the State Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) Program, participated in a statewide conference call to develop knowledge and skill objectives for the profession.

### Public Meeting on Solid Waste

Supervising ES Tammy Derby and ES Wendy Hoffspiegel conducted a Public Meeting on the revision of a Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station.

### Methamphetamine Contamination

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green and Supervising ES Elise Rothschild met with representatives from Code Enforcement agencies to discuss new requirements relating to the oversight of properties contaminated by methamphetamine drug lab activities contained in the recently enacted AB 1078.

### California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

Supervising ES Tammy Derby and ES Lisa Todd met with CIWMB staff to discuss grant funding of remediation at a closed landfill site in a highly populated residential area.

### Food Safety Initiatives

EHD Supervisors and staff joined with Director Knight in two meetings with the Retail Food Industry Advisory Group to discuss implementation plans for food safety initiatives including placarding training classes and enforcement options.

### Landfill Gas Control System

Supervising ES Tammy Derby and ES Cheryl Hawkins met with CIWMB and City of Sacramento staff to discuss installation and use of an improved landfill gas control system at a closed landfill site. The site is situated in a highly populated residential area and currently houses a private high school and a public elementary school.

### Drug Lab Cleanup Workshop

Supervising ES Elise Rothschild and ES Mark Trask conducted a workshop for contractors and consultants who routinely deal with the cleanup of methamphetamine drug lab properties. Information provided at the workshop included new requirements specified in the recently enacted AB 1078 and EMD's proposed fee for regulatory oversight of these sites.

### Cleanup of Impacted Sites

Supervising ES Dana Booth met with representatives from the City of Sacramento Planning Department and legal staff regarding the cleanup of impacted sites in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

### County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

EMD program representatives provided staffing for the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC was opened to respond to imminent flood dangers posed by high rainfall and dam release.

### Cross Connection Control Program

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Maria Adney met with representatives from the Sacramento Area Water Works Association to discuss upgrades to the Cross Connection Control Program, including the transition from an Access database to the Department's Envision database.

### Meeting With Folsom Representatives

Director Mel Knight met with representatives from the Folsom Chamber of Commerce and a number of Folsom restaurant owners to discuss the proposed "Red/Yellow/Green" placarding system for food facilities. Information was also provided on the "Stormwater" requirements for retail food facilities.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Mel Knight and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the January meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Presentation on Emerging Energy Technologies by Michael DeAngelis, Program Manager, Advanced, Renewable & Distributed Generation Technologies, Sacramento Municipal Utility District; (2) Updates on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and West Nile Virus by Dr. Glennah Trochet, Sacramento County Health Officer; and (3) Update on Food Safety Enhancements Program by Mel Knight, Director and Alicia Enriquez, Supervising Environmental Specialist, EMD.

### Groundwater Resources Association

Supervising ES Dana Booth represented EMD at a Groundwater Resources Association meeting.

## **TRAINING**

### **Document Imaging**

IT staff provided a flow diagram and detailed process description of the Department's document imaging work flow for presentation by HMD Chief Dennis Green at the Statewide Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference.

### **California Environmental Health Association (CEHA)**

Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez, ES Sophia Jella, and CMO June Livingston participated in the CEHA State Board meeting.

### **CEHA Food Safety Training**

The Superior Chapter of CEHA hosted a two and a half day Course on Managing Food Safety; eight EMD employees participated in the training presented by the Food and Drug Administration.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Promotions**

Jim Guilliams was promoted from an Information Technology Analyst to a Senior Information Technology Analyst.

Rob Milano was promoted from an Information Technology Technician to an Information Technology Analyst I.

John Stender was promoted from an Information Technology Analyst to a Senior Information Technology Analyst.

### **New Employees**

Erica Burris was hired as a Student Intern in EHD.

David Chan was hired as an ES I in EHD.

Jessica Hilliard was hired as a Senior Student Intern in EHD.

**JANUARY 2006 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>January 2006</b>	<b>Year To Date 2006</b>
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,096	1,096
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	0
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	8	8
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	21	21
6.	Liquid Waste	56	56
7.	Medical Waste	14	14
8.	Small Water Systems	3	3
9.	Wells	81	81
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	15	15
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	101	101
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	120	120
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	29	29
14.	Storm Water	261	261
15.	Waste Tire	0	0
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>67</u>	<u>67</u>
	Total	1,872	1,872
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	54	54
2.	Food Borne Illness	19	19
3.	Incident Response	35	35
4.	Storm Water	14	14
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	Total	126	126
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	10	10
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	289	289
2.	Monitoring Wells	34	34
3.	Food Facilities	147	147
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	36	36
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	10	10
6.	Land Use	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>
	Total	538	538
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,343	9,343
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	Total	9,368	9,368