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

Highlights

- *Agreement with State Agency allows continued oversight of Underground Tank clean-ups*
- *Continuing media interest in Food Safety program*
- *HazMat program receives recognition at Statewide conference*

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Environmental Management
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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Board Authorizes LOP Agreement

On February 21, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution authorizing EMD Director Mel Knight to execute a 2005-06 Local Oversight Program Agreement (LOP) with the State Water Resources Control Board. This agreement allows EMD to continue providing oversight in the cleanup of underground fuel tanks.

Stormwater Enforcement

Environmental Specialist (ES) John Lewis, County Counsel Ray Thompson, and other Stormwater Team members were responsible for successfully settling the first Stormwater enforcement case; the case involved illegal vehicle washing discharge to the storm drainage systems.

EMD Receives "Silver Award"

EMD's Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) was selected from among 85 other CUPA agencies within the State to receive the "Silver Award" as an outstanding Certified United Program Agency.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Stormwater Inspections

ES John Lewis was interviewed by *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Jim Downing regarding stormwater inspections at the Folsom Auto Mall.

Public Workshop on Proposed Food Enhancements

The *Sacramento Bee* published an article announcing the February 17, 2006 Public Workshop on Phase II of the EMD Proposed Food Safety Enhancements.

School Cafeteria Food Inspections

Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez was interviewed by Reporter Josh Bernstein of KCRA Channel 3 regarding school cafeteria food inspections. The resulting story aired on March 1, 2006.

Hazardous Materials Spill

CMO June Livingston responded to a call from *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Elizabeth Hume regarding an 80 gallon hazardous spill in Carmichael. Information received was published in an online article on February 6, 2006.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Enhanced Food Safety Initiatives

Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Alicia Enriquez, and Kelly McCoy participated in a meeting of the Food Safety Work Group to refine the Enhanced Food Safety Initiatives.

Staff Recruitment

ESs Sonia Lee and Mary Ellen Oetzel provided information about employment opportunities as Environmental Specialists at a University of California, Davis Career Fair. The recruitment effort netted approximately 23 resumes and several telephone contacts.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in February with 56 participants representing 18 facilities. Two FSE classes were conducted in English, one in Spanish, and one in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Yolanda Grigsby, Derek Jacks, Lisa Perez, Bob Price and Ralph Roberts conducted two HMP workshops with fourteen businesses in attendance.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Department Head Representation

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in meetings of the BERC Steering Committee, the County Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, and the Nuisance Response Team.

Local Oversight Program

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ES Dana Booth participated in a Roundtable session of the Local Oversight Program held at the CUPA Conference.

Health Warnings for Fish

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos met with County Health Officer Glennah Trochet, MD and State agency representatives regarding the posting of health warnings associated with fish caught at specific Delta locations.

Stormwater Representatives

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and ESs Ken Ballard, Sean Daneluk and John Lewis, members of the Stormwater Program Team, met with City and County representatives to discuss stormwater program status and program implementation policies.

Groundwater Resources Association

Supervising ES Dana Booth participated as EMD's representative in a meeting of the local Groundwater Resources Association.

Contra Costa County

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Stormwater Program Team members John Lewis and Sean Daneluk shared information on EMD's Stormwater Program with visiting staff from Contra Costa County in order to assist in their program development.

Courtland Advisory Council

Supervising ESs Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage participated in a meeting with the Courtland Community Planning Advisory Council to discuss planning for domestic water supply usage and impact on aquifers.

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) Update on Food Safety Enhancements Program; (2) AB 1078 – Methamphetamine Remediation; (3) Hazardous Materials Retail Facility Regulatory Change; (4) New Universal Waste Requirements; and (5) Update on BERF Brownfields and Green Business Programs.

TRAINING

Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS)

Various ESs in the Department's REHS Training Program attended the following training: (1) A three-day REHS Exam Preparation Course; (2) The Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference; and (3) The Certified Food Handler Training Course. Training Program staff also received an orientation, and participated in joint field inspections, with HMD staff and a small water systems orientation with WPD staff. With the addition of newly hired ES Stacy Wong, seven participants are now included in the Training Program.

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

Several EMD staff members provided presentations during the Annual CUPA Training Conference. ES Heather Tanner presented information relative to the use of internet sources in developing enforcements cases. Supervising ES Elise Rothschild and ES Mark Trask provided information concerning the implementation of the new methamphetamine remediation law. Supervising ES Dana Booth presented information on Vapor Intrusion Into Indoor Air. HMD Chief Dennis Green provided information to CUPA Program Managers during two seminars; one presentation focused on Administrative Enforcement Strategies and the other focused on EMD's Document Imaging Project. A total of eighteen EMD employees, including EMD Director Mel Knight, participated in the Annual CUPA Training Conference.

Stormwater Update

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and ES Sean Daneluk participated in a Stormwater Regulatory Update Seminar.

PERSONNEL

New Employees

Stacy Wong was hired as an ES I in EHD.

Ken Murai was hired as a retired annuitant - Principal Engineer/Architect in the Director's Office.

Valerie Kauffman was hired as an ES III in the WPD.

FEBRUARY 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		February 2006	Year To Date 2006
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	943	2,039
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	8	8
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	3	11
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	15	36
6.	Liquid Waste	25	81
7.	Medical Waste	5	19
8.	Small Water Systems	3	6
9.	Wells	76	157
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	13	28
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	73	174
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	86	206
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	28	57
14.	Storm Water	241	502
15.	Waste Tire	0	0
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>32</u>	<u>99</u>
	Total	1,551	3,423
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	81	135
2.	Food Borne Illness	12	31
3.	Incident Response	40	75
4.	Storm Water	23	37
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
	Total	157	283
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	8	18
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	217	506
2.	Monitoring Wells	17	51
3.	Food Facilities	115	262
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	31	67
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	23	33
6.	Land Use	<u>14</u>	<u>36</u>
	Total	417	955
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	8,940	18,283
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>32</u>	<u>57</u>
	Total	8,972	18,340