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

Highlights

- *Continued Public And Media Interest In Food Safety Initiatives*
- *EMD Extends Staff Recruitment Efforts To Local Universities*
- *EMD Staff Participate in Agroterrorism Workshop And Homeland Security Exercise*

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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

School Cafeteria Inspections

KCRA Channel 3 aired a follow-up story on school cafeteria inspections by Reporter John Bernstein.

Recreational Water Illness Prevention

Information on Recreational Water Illness was submitted for inclusion in the May 2006 *County e-news* electronic newsletter.

Food Safety Enhancements

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston responded to a call from Reporter Ross Farrow of the *Lodi Sentinel* regarding online food inspection reports and proposed food safety enhancements.

Egg Safety

CMO June Livingston provided information on egg safety for inclusion in the County Media Tip Sheet; a weekly electronic document containing information of interest. The egg safety information has also been posted to EMD's website at www.emd.saccounty.net and to the County website at www.saccounty.net.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green provided an overview of the State CUPA Program at a meeting of environmental managers from the State Department of Corrections.

EMD All Staff Meeting

EMD staff held the Department's Bi-Annual All Staff Meeting. The Meeting Agenda included presentations by Dr. Glennah Trochet, County Health Officer and Ken Murai, Architect/Engineer, as well as staff presentations on: (1) Food Safety Program Enhancements and Training; (2) Tobacco Retailers Program; (3) Lead Program; (4) Roles of HMD's Environmental Compliance Technicians (ECT); (4) A CUPA Enforcement Case; and (5) Small Water Systems Program.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Grading System For Food Establishments

In preparation for introduction of color-colored placarding in Sacramento County, Supervising Environmental Specialists (ESs) Alicia Enriquez and Kelly McCoy visited Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to review grading systems for food establishments.

Envision Connect Software

Information Technology (IT) Manager Geoff Marsh spoke with a representative from the City of Berkeley (CA) relative to the progress of testing new Envision Connect Software. IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior IT Analyst John Stender collaborated with members of Decade Software (Fresno, CA) to resolve a database concurrency issue with the new Envision Connect Software.

Food Safety Initiatives Work Group

EMD Director Mel Knight, Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Alicia Enriquez and Kelly McCoy, and Environmental Health Division (HMD) staff participated in a Food Safety Initiatives Work Group meeting that included participation by industry representatives and representatives from the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC).

Countywide Services Agency (CSA)

EMD Director Mel Knight presented information on the current food safety initiatives at the March meeting of the Countywide Services Agency (CSA).

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in March with 56 participants representing 23 facilities. One FSE class was conducted in Spanish; two were conducted in Cantonese; and two in English.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Victor Anyeneh, Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Yolanda Grigsby, Derek Jacks, Doug Osborn, Lisa Perez, and Marie Woodin conducted two HMP Workshops with nineteen businesses in attendance.

Staff Recruitment

Supervising ES Chris Pace, and ESs Zarha Ruiz and Jannine Talusik participated in a spring Career Fair held at California State University, Sacramento and provided information about employment opportunities as Environmental Specialists, Compliance Assistance Technicians, or Student Interns at EMD.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

National Public Health Leadership Institute

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in an interview regarding the National Public Health Leadership Institute and implications for Sacramento County workforce development.

Butte County

IT Manager Geoff Marsh met with a Butte County representative to discuss EMD's Imaging System and the procedures for posting Food Inspection Reports on the Internet.

Retail Food Facility Inspections

EHD Consumer Protection staff participated in a brainstorming and training session to review and discuss various scenarios and violations observed during food facility inspections. Input received from the session will be reviewed and processed for inclusion in an EMD "Retail Food Inspection Field Guide".

Enterprise Content Management (ECM)

IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams participated in meetings of the Countywide ECM Steering Committee. The meetings are designed to assist in plotting the course of the County's document imaging capability while taking advantage of new technology and maintaining compatibility with existing systems.

Unified Program Administration

HMD Chief Dennis Green represented the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board at a Unified Program Administration and Advisory Group meeting.

Acceptable Use Policy

IT staff shared the Department's Computer Resources Acceptable Use Policy with the County Voter Registration Department.

Sutter County

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Alicia Enriquez, and Kelly McCoy met with the Sutter County Health Officer and the Director of Environmental Health to share information on the Sacramento County Food Safety Initiatives, including placarding.

Report Development

Senior IT Analyst John Stender continued to work with staff from the Cross Connection Program of the Water Protection Division to develop reports for water purveyors and device owners.

Department Representation

EMD Director Knight served as the EMD Department head representative to the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) Steering Committee, the County Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, and the County Nuisance Response Steering Committee.

California Department of Toxic Substances Control

Supervising ES Dana Booth met with representatives from the State Department of Toxic Substances Control, the State Department of General Services, and their consultants regarding proper destruction of an existing well. The uniquely constructed well, which is used as the primary climate control for most of the State's downtown buildings, includes nearly a dozen lateral "wells" which were drilled horizontally.

Chinese Delegation

HMD Chief Dennis Green represented local agencies at a meeting comprised of environmental emergency managers from various Chinese cities and provinces.

Smoking Regulations

EMD Director Mel Knight and Supervising ES Mark Barcellos met with a business operator regarding of smoking requirements at “hooka bars”.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

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

County District Attorney

IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Supervising ES Dana Booth met with representatives from the District Attorney’s Office and their IT support staff to ensure proper receipt of files for an methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) case.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

HMD Chief Dennis Green and Supervising ES Tammy Derby met with Cheryl Peace, CIWMB Board member, to discuss the activities of the Sacramento County Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). Chief Green and Supervising ES Tammy Derby also met with the Deputy Director and Managers of the Permitting and Enforcement Division of CIWMB to discuss statewide solid waste issues and the impacts to Sacramento County’s LEA Program.

Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, Supervising ESs Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage, and ESs Ken Ballard, Sean Daneluk, and John Lewis met with Aimee Norman for a quarterly BERC meeting.

Brownfield Working Group

Supervising ES Dana Booth participated in a BERC Brownfield Working Group meeting to discuss Workshops to be held in the Oak Park area on April 5.

Local Oversight Program (LOP)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ES Dana Booth participated in a meeting of the State Water Board wherein they were advised that the 2006-07 LOP Contracts are expected to be executed by July 1, 2006.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Mel Knight and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the March meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Impact of Port of Sacramento on Local Air Emissions/Update on Air Quality in Sacramento County; (2) Food Safety Program Enhancements – Phase II; and (3) Environmental Excellence Awards.

Facility Tour

EMD Director Knight, Architect Ken Murai and Administrative Services Officer (ASO) Linda Jimenez toured the recently remodeled City of Roseville City Hall to view facility features that may be incorporated into the EMD facility currently under development.

Breathe California

EMD Director Knight chaired the Breathe California (formerly Lung Association) Clean Air Awards Blue Ribbon Selection Panel.

TRAINING

Security Exercise

Members of HMD's Incident Response Team participated in a State Homeland Security Large Stadium Tabletop exercise held at Arco Arena.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

ESs Cheryl Hawkins and Lisa Todd attended a Health and Safety Training Course mandated and sponsored by the CIWMB. ESs Wendy Hoffspiegel and Lisa Todd attended a two-day training program on Post Closure Land Use of Landfills also presented by the CIWMB.

Agroterrorism Workshop

ESs Libby Carruesco, Dennis Catanyag and Sophia Jella' attended an Agroterrorism Workshop provided by the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security.

Microsoft Training

Senior IT Analysts Jim Guilliams and John Stender, and IT Analyst Rob Milano attended a three-day training class in preparation for upgrading EMD's main database to Microsoft SQL 2005 as required by the upcoming Envision Connect Inspection Software.

Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

EMD Training Program members Eric Haupt, Felicia Williams, and Jason Smalley took the State REHS exam.

Tobacco Enforcement

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and ES Anne Frey-Peters attended Tobacco Enforcement Training provided by the Tobacco Assistance Legal Center (TALC).

PERSONNEL

New Employees

Lisa Christy was hired as a Senior Office Assistant (SOA) in WPD.

Nella Cornwall was hired as a Senior Office Specialist (SOS) in EHD.

Constance Koepfel was hired as a SOS in IT.

MARCH 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		March 2006	Year To Date 2006
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,048	3,087
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	3	11
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	12
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	18	54
6.	Liquid Waste	29	110
7.	Medical Waste	2	21
8.	Small Water Systems	0	6
9.	Wells	59	216
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	18	46
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	86	260
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	130	336
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	39	96
14.	Storm Water	322	824
15.	Waste Tire	0	0
16.	Tobacco Retailer	57	156
	Total	1,812	5,235
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	105	240
2.	Food Borne Illness	26	57
3.	Incident Response	36	111
4.	Storm Water	28	65
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	0	5
	Total	195	478
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	17	35
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	339	845
2.	Monitoring Wells	63	114
3.	Food Facilities	131	393
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	29	96
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	28	61
6.	Land Use	22	58
	Total	612	1,567
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	14,684	32,967
2.	Public Record Reviews	33	90
	Total	14,717	33,057