



# Environmental Management Department

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

## **Highlights**

- *EMD Director Mel Knight Announces Retirement*
- *\$220,000+ In Fee Offsets For Compliant CUPA Facilities In 2006-07*
- *EMD To Seek Feedback On Food Safety From Area Focus Groups*
- *Staff Performed More Than 10,000 Inspections During Previous Six Month Period*

## **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Mel Knight, Director  
Environmental Management  
Department

## **NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### Director To Retire

EMD Director Mel Knight announced plans to retire from County service in late August 2006.

### Revenue Offset Program

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green announced that the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Enforcement Revenue Offset Program will provide \$220,000+ in fee offsets to compliant facilities during fiscal year 2006-07. The Offset Program's two-year total amounts to approximately \$390,000.

### Environmental Recognition Award

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) members Val Siebal and Margie Namba joined the Board of Supervisors in presenting an "Environmental Recognition Award" to Thomas Development for exemplary practices at the CalEPA Building.

## **NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION**

### Boil Water Notice

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston conducted an interview with a reporter from *The Sacramento Bee* regarding a "Boil Water Notice" issued to customers of the Fruitridge Vista Water Company.

### Pool and Spa Inspections

CMO June Livingston provided inspection information to Ben Marcus, Reporter, KXJZ Capitol Public Radio, for an upcoming story on swimming pools and spas.

## **COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH**

### Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society

EMD Director Mel Knight provided a briefing on recent initiatives in water protection and food safety to the Environmental Health Committee of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society.

### Food Safety Fact Sheets

EMD collaborated with Cooperative Extension to produce four new Consumer Fact Sheets including: Controlling Kitchen Pests, Frozen and Fully Cooked Products and Botulism, Botulism FAQs, and Freezing Home Prepared Foods.

### Staff Recruitment

EMD Director Mel Knight worked with staff from the Internal Services Agency (ISA) and the Countywide Services Agency (CSA) to initiate a recruitment process for the currently vacant Director of Environmental Health and the pending vacancy for the Environmental Management Department Director.

### Arden-Arcade Business Walk

CMO June Livingston, Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz and ES Jannine Talusik participated in the Arden-Arcade Business Walk and visited the business community to identify key business development and retention issues.

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Eleven FSE classes were conducted in June with 147 participants representing 42 facilities. Six FSE classes were conducted in English; three in Spanish; and two in Cantonese.

### Focus Group Research

EMD staff met with Dawn Morley Chavero, Founder, Aurora Research Group, to discuss gathering feedback from Sacramento area residents to determine the: (1) Type of inspection report information that will be useful to residents; (2) Language in which the information is disclosed so that it is clear and understandable; and (3) How much Inspection Report information should be included.

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Ryan Artz, Derek Jacks, Lisa Perez, and David Steele conducted two HMP workshops with eighteen businesses in attendance.

### Color-Coded Placarding

EMD Director Mel Knight and members of the EHD Consumer Protection Team met with the Food Industry Working Group and Commissioners from the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) to review the Draft Field Inspection Guide and other aspects of the food safety initiatives in progress.

### Compliance Conferences

EHD held Compliance Conferences with four food facility operators due to ongoing major violations.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

### Mobile Food Facility Ordinance

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy participated in a meeting with representatives from the City of Sacramento Law and Legislative Council to discuss proposed changes to the City's Mobile Food Facilities Ordinance.

### Northern California Envision Users

EMD hosted the Northern California Envision Users Group Meeting. Senior IT Analyst John Stender presented information on the current status of the Envision project. IT Analyst Rob Milano also participated in the meeting.

### Accidental Ignition

HMD Chief Dennis Green and ES Ryan Artz met with the principal parties regarding the accidental ignition of an aging Minuteman booster rocket at Aerojet. The meeting, which was hosted by the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), addressed notification problems that surrounded the incident. EOC Chief Rick Martinez and representatives from Sacramento Metro Fire, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and Aerojet participated in the meeting.

### Web Content Management

Information Technology Manager (IT) Geoff Marsh completed his participation on the Evaluation Team for a countywide Web Content Management System. The vendor will be announced in early July and EMD will be one of the first County Departments to test the new system.

### Nuisance Abatement

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and ES Anne Frey-Peters participated in a meeting with representatives from the County District Attorney's Office and County Code Enforcement regarding a possible inspection warrant for a property with ongoing trash/debris/rodent issues.

### Drug Lab Remediation Workshops

HMD Chief Dennis Green and Supervising ES Elise Rothschild contributed to the formation of statewide Methamphetamine Drug Lab Remediation Workshops. Supervising ES Rothschild will take the lead in the formation of a statewide Technical Advisory Group (TAG) that will address current and future issues relating to the implementation of AB 1078 and subsequent legislation.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the June meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Regional Transportation Planning Efforts (Regional Blueprint Project); and (2) Overview of Measure A – Transportation Sales Tax Program.

### Indoor Air Quality Issues

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos provided consultation and assistance to Dr. Glennah Trochet, County Health Officer, in the investigation of indoor air quality issues associated with possible health impacts at an indoor kart racing facility.

### Tour of Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, Supervising ES Dana Booth, and ESs Sean Daneluk, Chris Hunley, and John Lewis were provided with a comprehensive tour of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and Recycled Water Facility.

### Remediation of Contaminated Properties

At the request of State Assembly members Carol Liu and Rick Keene, HMD Chief Dennis Green provided technical assessment of proposed amendments to AB 2587. The pending legislation will enhance existing State law regarding the process and procedures for remediation of properties contaminated by methamphetamine drug lab activities.

### Health and Safety Objectives

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen represented EMD at a Health and Safety Strategic Objectives Meeting held at the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

## **TRAINING**

### **CUPA Training Academy**

In his role as Vice President of the California Certified Unified Program Agenda (CUPA), HMD Chief Dennis Green met with representatives from the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) to discuss the formation, structure and possible funding of a future CUPA Training Academy. Chief Green will act as lead for the State CUPA Forum Board in working with CSTI and other State officials to move the creation of this long sought training academy to completion.

### **Envision Connect Demonstrations**

IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior IT Analyst John Stender presented a demonstration of the Envision Connect Program for representatives from the City of Berkeley (CA) Hazardous Materials Department.

### **Brownfield Outreach Workshop**

Supervising ES Dana Booth attended the final BERC (Business Environmental Resource Center) Brownfield Outreach Workshop for 2006.

### **National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)**

EMD Director Mel Knight and Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez participated in the NEHA Annual Conference held in San Antonio (TX). Director Knight chaired the Leadership and Staff Development Section and Ms. Enriquez participated as NEHA Vice President representing the Western Region.

### **Groundwater Conference**

ES Jack Bellan attended a Conference on "Emerging and Recalcitrant Contaminants" presented by the Groundwater Resources Association.

### **Hazardous Waste Manifest**

HMD personnel completed a training session, via webcast, regarding new hazardous waste manifesting requirements.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Promotions**

Sean Daneluk was promoted from an ES II to an ES III in WPD.

Derek Jacks was promoted from an ES I to an ES II in HMD.

Dennis Karidis was promoted from an ES II to an ES III in HMD.

Brion McGinness was promoted from an ES II to an ES III in HMD.

Jonathan Pollack was promoted from an Environmental Compliance Technician II to an ES I in HMD.

Lisa Todd was promoted from an ES III to an ES IV (Supervising Environmental Specialist) in HMD.

Megan Booth was promoted from a Student Intern to a Senior Student Intern in WPD.

### **New Employees**

Judy Andrade was hired as a Senior Student Intern in EHD.

Madeleine Betts was hired as a Student Aide in WPD.

Amie Inaba was hired as an Account Clerk II in Finance.

Kristin Ledbetter was hired as a Senior Office Assistant in EHD.

Terah Newland was hired as a Senior Office Assistant in IT.

**JUNE 2006 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>June 2006</b>	<b>Year To Date 2006</b>
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	617	5,391
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	4	20
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	716	963
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	14	99
6.	Liquid Waste	36	191
7.	Medical Waste	3	40
8.	Small Water Systems	12	20
9.	Wells	139	517
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	28	101
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	56	485
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	57	606
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	27	225
14.	Storm Water	190	1,503
15.	Waste Tire	61	128
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>28</u>	<u>230</u>
	Total	1,988	10,520
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	86	507
2.	Food Borne Illness	25	132
3.	Incident Response	35	269
4.	Storm Water	16	119
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
	Total	162	1,036
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	22	78
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	307	1,746
2.	Monitoring Wells	53	248
3.	Food Facilities	155	810
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	26	176
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	8	104
6.	Land Use	<u>5</u>	<u>106</u>
	Total	554	3,190
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	13,433	69,474
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>29</u>	<u>176</u>
	Total	13,462	69,650