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

Highlights

- *Stormwater Program Presented Compliance Assistance Workshop For Pressure Washers*
- *EHD Food Team Inspected More Than 140 Food Facilities At The State Fair*
- *EMD Imaging Team Passed The 100,000 Milestone For Documents Imaged Year-To-Date*
- *Focus Group Meetings Held To Obtain Public Perceptions And Preferences For Food Safety Placarding*

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Environmental Management
Department

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Director Knight Receives Resolution

EMD Director Mel Knight received a Resolution from the County Board of Supervisors acknowledging his pending retirement and commemorating 37 years of combined County and State service.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Focus Groups On Food Safety

June Livingston of the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), EMD Director Mel Knight, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising Environmental Specialists (ESs) Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz and ESs Sonia Lee and Jannine Talusik observed focus group discussions conducted by the Aurora Research Group. Two groups, representing a wide cross-section of County residents, participated in a discussion of the pending food safety initiatives, including color-coded placarding.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP Workshops were held with 11 businesses attending.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in August with 53 participants representing 23 facilities. Two FSE classes were conducted in Spanish; two in English; and one in Cantonese.

Arcohe – Union Elementary School District

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ESs Cheryl Hawkins and Terry Kociemba met with representatives from the Arcohe – Union School District, Hearld (CA) relative to expansion of the school and required well, septic and small water systems permits.

Food Inspections At State Fair

ES Jason Smalley and eight other ESs conducted over 140 food inspections on opening day of the 2006 California State Fair.

Sanitation District

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Chris Hunley met with representatives of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to discuss future plans for expanding the recycled water program and EMD's role in providing regulatory oversight for recycled water usage.

Food Safety Initiatives

The Environmental Health Division (EHD) Consumer Protection Team (Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Kelly McCoy, and Zarha Ruiz and ES Sonia Lee) and EMD Director Mel Knight met with members of the Sacramento Chapter of the California Restaurant Association (CRA) to discuss the industry perspective and impacts associated with the planned food safety initiatives, including posting of color-coded placards. EMD staff also met with the Food Safety Advisory Working Group to discuss progress on program development.

Public Health Advisory Board

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez provided an update to the Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board. Topics included an overview of the various public health related programs administered by EMD and a detailed discussion of the recent food safety initiatives.

Sacramento County Water Agency

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with representatives from the Sacramento County Water Agency to discuss interagency program coordination in the areas of cross-connection and recycled water.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION“Award of Excellence” for Food Safety

IT Manager Geoff Marsh extracted data and developed nominee reports for the Third Annual “Award of Excellence” for retail food facilities. The nominee list was finalized in late August; the Awards will be distributed in September.

Environmental Health Workforce

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in two conference calls relating to the need to expand the environmental health workforce. The calls were hosted by the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) and the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA).

Document Imaging

Imaging staff completed scanning of paper files for Drug Labs and Environmental Crimes cases. Senior IT Analyst JIm Guilliams completed an update to regulatory compliance documents in the imaging system, splitting Underground Storage Tank (UST) applications into “install” and “removal” categories. IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams met with EMD Human Resources personnel to begin preparations for scanning and indexing of old timesheets and other HR documents.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez hosted a meeting of the Bay Area Region of the CCDEH.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

HMD Chief Dennis Green and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the August meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Status Update on New EMD Building by Ken Murai, Principal Engineer/Architect; and (2) Update on West Nile Virus and Pandemic Flu Planning provided by Glennah Trochet, M.D., County Health Officer.

CUPA Board Meeting

HMD Chief Dennis Green participated in the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board Meeting.

California Groundwater Association

WPD Program Manager Dana Booth and ES Susan Williams presented information on EMD's Well Program to the California Groundwater Association.

TRAININGSolid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Conference

HMD Chief Dennis Green, Supervising ESs Lisa Todd and Marie Woodin, and ESs Wendy Hoffspiegel, Brion McGinness and Sharon Zimmerman attended the annual LEA Conference.

How To Get A Green Placard

EMD Food Safety Specialist Robert Greenhalgh presented training on, "How To Get A Green Placard" for EHD staff members. The training, which is currently in development, will be presented in several languages to food facilities to assist them in obtaining a green placard.

Stormwater Compliance

ESs Ken Ballard, Sean Daneluk and John Lewis participated in a workshop on Stormwater Compliance for Pressure Washers and Steam Cleaners sponsored by the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC).

Certified Pool Operators (CPO)

Eighteen members of the EHD Consumer Protection Program participated in a two-day CPO training seminar. All EMD participants passed the ensuing exam and will receive CPO certification.

PERSONNELNew Employees

Judinae Ablang was hired as an ES I in the EHD.

Darcy Moehring, Administrative Services Office II, joined EMD and is currently serving as the Department's Budget Officer.

Mandip Singh was hired as an ES II in the EHD.

Kavita Thiruvengadam was hired as an ES I in the EHD.

Sara Vining was hired as an ES I in the EHD.

Kari Wagner was hired as an ES I in the EHD.

AUGUST 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		August 2006	Year To Date 2006
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	704	6,613
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	25	51
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	715	2,245
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	11	121
6.	Liquid Waste	55	277
7.	Medical Waste	2	44
8.	Small Water Systems	7	27
9.	Wells	119	705
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	22	140
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	61	594
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	77	730
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	45	304
14.	Storm Water	148	1,804
15.	Waste Tire	7	185
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>17</u>	<u>269</u>
	Total	2,015	14,109
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	109	721
2.	Food Borne Illness	21	176
3.	Incident Response	49	363
4.	Storm Water	9	139
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>
	Total	190	1,413
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	9	98
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	458	2,576
2.	Monitoring Wells	71	357
3.	Food Facilities	117	1,036
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	56	264
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	18	134
6.	Land Use	<u>15</u>	<u>137</u>
	Total	735	4,504
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	21,447	113,573
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>37</u>	<u>245</u>
	Total	21,484	113,818