



Environmental Management Department

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

Highlights

- *EMD Presents Workshop On Food Safety Program Initiatives For Board of Supervisors*
- *“How To Get A Green” Workshops Initiated*
- *County Pandemic Influenza Steering Committee Meets*
- *Food Safety Education Classes Continue*

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Countywide Services Agency

Val F. Siebal, Director
Environmental Management
Department

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mel Knight Retires

Former EMD Director Mel Knight retired on October 2 after more than 18 years of County Service.

Val F. Siebal Appointed

The County Board of Supervisors confirmed the appointment of Val F. Siebal as the new EMD Director effective October 30.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

EMD All Staff Meeting

On October 31, 2006, the Department held its Bi-Annual All Staff Meeting. The Meeting Agenda included presentations by Dr. Glennah Trochet, County Health Officer, as well as staff presentations on: (1) Food Enhancements; (2) Cal-ARP Program Overview; (3) UST Red Tag Enforcement Action; (4) Waste Tire Fire Incident; (5) The Essentials of Cross Connection; and (6) Presentation on 2006 Employee Campaign.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Initiatives

The EHD Food Safety Team hosted an Industry Work Group Session to receive additional input on food safety program initiatives currently in progress. EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez and the Food Safety Team presented a Workshop to update the Board of Supervisors of program process and to receive feedback on proposed placarding issues.

Rosemont High School

Former EMD Director Mel Knight provided information on environmental health to students of Rosemont High School interested in health related careers.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in October with 49 participants representing 20 facilities. Two FSE classes were conducted in English; two in Spanish; and one in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Ryan Artz, Derek Jacks, Joseph Jimenez, Doug Osborn, Lisa Perez and Bob Price conducted two HMP workshops with thirteen businesses in attendance.

"How To Get A Green" Workshops

Twenty "How To Get A Green" Workshops were held during the month of October with 431 attendees. Eighteen classes were conducted in English, one in Spanish and one in Cantonese. Additional classes are scheduled throughout 2006 and into mid-2007. IT Analyst Rob Milano provided primary IT support for the Workshops and IT Manager Geoff Marsh videotaped one of the Workshops for training purposes.

2006 Employee Campaign

IT Manager Geoff Marsh served as Department Chairperson for the 2006 County Employee Campaign.

Staff Recruitment

EHD staff conducted eight interviews for vacant ES positions within the Consumer Protection Program; one offer of employment ensued.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Pandemic Influenza Steering Committee

Former EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a meeting of the County Pandemic Influenza Steering Committee that is under the leadership of the County Public Health Division.

Tire Enforcement

Supervising ES Marie Woodin and ES Derek Jacks participated in a Tire Enforcement Roundtable meeting presented by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Indoor Karting Facility

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and County Health Officer Glennah Trochet participated in a conference call with the Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB) of the State Department of Health Services to discuss a survey to be conducted at a local indoor karting facility.

Enforcement Meeting

HMD Chief Dennis Green and HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild participated in a District Attorney Enforcement Meeting.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory (BAFTA) Committee

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

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal, Acting EHD Chief Mel Knight and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the October meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Presentation of Awards to Outgoing Commission members; (2) Presentation on upcoming City of Sacramento Leadership Workshop; (3) Update on Universal Waste; and (4) Update on Food Safety Enhancements.

TRAININGEnvision User Conference

Senior IT Analysts Jim Guilliams and John Stender attended a two-day Envision User Conference held in Fresno (CA).

National Incident Management System

ESs Ryan Artz, David Steele and Heather Tanner attended training on the National Incident Management System Preparedness.

eQUIP Software

Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams and IT Analyst Rob Milano conducted training on the new eEquip Software which allows electronic documents to be added to the EMD imaging system without the need for printing and scanning a hard copy. EMD's Stormwater Group and the Imaging Team received the initial training.

Decade Software

Supervising ES Marie Woodin and ESs Derek Jacks and Lisa Perez participated in an environmental/hazardous materials software conference presented by Decade Software.

PERSONNELPromotions

Mary Ellen Oetzel was promoted from an ES II in the EHD to an ES III in HMD.

New Employees

Michelle Blair was hired as an ECT II in the HMD
Terri Fox was hired as a Senior Office Specialist in IT.
Heather Holcomb was hired as an ES I in the EHD.
Val Siebal was hired as the new EMD Department Director.

OCTOBER 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		October 2006	Year To Date 2006
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,133	8,679
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	1	53
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	33	2,468
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	13	147
6.	Liquid Waste	47	353
7.	Medical Waste	3	49
8.	Small Water Systems	5	34
9.	Wells	107	870
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	11	159
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	71	732
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	80	897
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	45	391
14.	Storm Water	233	2,232
15.	Waste Tire	0	184
16.	Tobacco Retailer	66	419
	Total	1,848	17,668
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	103	926
2.	Food Borne Illness	0	178
3.	Incident Response	52	450
4.	Storm Water	28	172
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	3	18
	Total	186	1,744
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	6	123
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	452	3,288
2.	Monitoring Wells	56	450
3.	Food Facilities	97	1,226
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	29	333
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	38	188
6.	Land Use	12	157
	Total	684	5,642
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	13,540	137,530
2.	Public Record Reviews	19	288
	Total	13,559	137,818