



Environmental Management Department

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

Highlights

- *EMD Hires John Rogers As Chief, Environmental Health Division*
- *Potential Variance To County Well Ordinance*
- *EMD Continues Workshops On "How To Get A Green"*
- *Stormwater Compliance Workshop Presented For Auto Industry*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Cease And Desist Order

EMD prevailed in a hearing before the State Administrative Law Judge concerning a Cease and Desist Order imposed by EMD upon a local towing company. The team who worked on the case included: Supervising ES Lisa Todd, ESs Cheryl Hawkins and Wendy Hoffspiegel and County Counsel Claire Van Dam.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Holiday Food Safety

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Zarha Ruiz provided food safety information for the holidays during an interview conducted in Spanish for Univision Channel 19 regarding food safety information for the holidays.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

"How To Get A Green" Workshops

Twenty "How To Get A Green" Workshops were held during the month of November with 477 attendees. Fifteen classes were conducted in English; 2 classes were conducted in Spanish; one class was conducted in Cantonese; one class was conducted in Korean; and one class was conducted in Punjabi.

Stormwater Compliance Workshop

ESs Ken Ballard, Sean Daneluk, and John Lewis, in partnership with BERCC (Business Environmental Resource Center) and SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District), presented a Stormwater Compliance Workshop geared toward the auto industry.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in November with 52 participants representing 15 facilities. Three FSE classes were conducted in English; one class was conducted in Spanish; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with eight businesses in attendance.

Color-Coded Placarding

EMD Director Val Siebal and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez participated in meetings with the Franklin Boulevard and Stockton Boulevard Business Associations to discuss implementation of Green, Yellow, Red Placarding System. Director Siebal and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy also participated in the EMD Food Industry Working Group meeting to discuss the upcoming Green, Yellow, Red restaurant placarding system.

Wireless Security

Information Technology (IT) Analyst Jim Guilliams conducted a wireless security survey with staff from the County Office of Communications and Information Technology (OCIT).

Staff Recruitment

EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez conducted interviews for a Supervising ES position in the Consumer Protection program.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

New EMD Facility

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Carl Mosher, Director, Facility Planning, Architecture, and Real Estate, to review information and potential costs associated with EMD's space needs.

Commercial Business Recycling

HMD Chief Dennis Green presented information to the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) outlining EMD's role in the implementation of a proposed commercial business recycling ordinance.

Pandemic Flu

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos participated in a Pandemic Flu Business Continuity Plan Coordinator meeting as part of the implementation of a Flu Continuity Plan for the Department.

California Accidental Release Program (CalARP)

ES Dennis Karidis met with representatives from the City of Bakersfield to discuss their CalARP Program.

Technology Support

Information Technology (IT) staff provided equipment and assistance for forty-two meetings/workshops held during the month of November. IT staff also updated Envision software to reflect revised staff assignments in the HMD Regulatory Compliance and EHD Consumer Protection Programs.

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

HMD Chief Dennis Green represented the Northern California region at the semi-annual off-site CUPA Forum Board meeting held in Lake Tahoe (CA).

Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage participated in Board of Supervisor discussions relative to a Resolution of Intent for a Sewage Maintenance District for onsite sewage disposal systems at a subdivision located in the Wilton area. The District will oversee groundwater monitoring wells and septic tank maintenance by the homeowners association.

Waste Tire Enforcement Program

Supervising ES Marie Woodin met with representatives from San Joaquin County to discuss methods to enhance the Department's Waste Tire Enforcement Program.

County Department of Revenue Recovery

Principal Information Technology Analyst (PITA) Geoff Marsh and IT Analyst John Stender participated in a meeting with the County Department of Revenue Recovery to discuss sharing data for bill collection and tracking purposes.

Illegal Disposal of Hazardous Waste

HMD Chief Dennis Green and HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild met with managers from a local transfer station and a local landfill to discuss establishing a public/private partnership to identify, and take action against, businesses attempting to illegally dump or dispose of hazardous materials.

Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy participated in a meeting with representatives from the City of Sacramento to discuss the City Ordinance on Mobile Food Vendors.

Orange County (CA)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth met with representatives from Orange County to share information on programs of mutual interest, including Stormwater, Cross-Connection Control, Recycled Water, Voluntary Cleanup Programs, and the Local Oversight Program (LOP).

Solid Waste Facility Owners

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and members of EMD's Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) team met with Sacramento County solid waste facility owners and operators to discuss new legislation, revisions to EMD's five year fee ordinance, staff changes and other items of mutual interest.

County Sanitation District

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with representatives from County Sanitation District I to discuss extending the current septic conversion program to include commercial sites. This will result in opportunities for sites to convert from septic systems to public sewers.

Drinking Water Ordinance

EMD Director Val Siebal and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth met with Pat Braziel, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Don Nottoli, to discuss a potential variance to the County Well Ordinance.

Medical Waste and Syringes

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ES Mary Ellen Oetzel met with Sacramento County Health Officer Dr. Glennah Trochet and representatives from pharmacies located within the City of Sacramento to discuss implementation of a collection program for home generated medical waste and syringes.

Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA)

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Chris Hunley met with representatives from SAWWA to discuss the update to the agreement between SAWWA and EMD whereby the Department will provide for a cross connection control program in Sacramento County.

Inter-Agency Technical Advisory Committee

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in a meeting of the City of Sacramento Inter-Agency Advisory Council wherein the City's General Plan Update was discussed.

Sacramento International Airport

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ESs Cheryl Hawkins and Chris Hunley met with representatives from the Airport to discuss the small public drinking water supply system. Airport representatives agreed to an additional backflow device installation and testing program for protection of the water supply at the Airport.

TRAININGCalifornia On-Site Waste Water Association

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth attended the California On-Site Waste Water Association Conference held in Anaheim (CA).

California Groundwater Association

ESs Cheryl Hawkins and Susan Williams attended the California Groundwater Association Conference held in Lake Tahoe (CA).

Labor Relations

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth, and PITA Geoff Marsh attended County Labor Relations Training.

PERSONNELPromotions

Lisa Christy was promoted from a Senior Office Assistant to a Senior Office Specialist in WPD. Christina Menefee was promoted from a Senior Office Specialist to a Personnel Specialist Lvl II.

New Employees

Lea Gibson was hired as an ES I in WPD.
Tayjes Patel was hired as an ES I in EHD.
John Rogers was hired as Chief of EHD.
Michael Simpson was hired as an ECT I in HMD.
Jeni VanDusen was hired as an ES II in HMD.

NOVEMBER 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		November 2006	Year To Date 2006
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,037	9,716
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	53
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	3	2,472
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	14	161
6.	Liquid Waste	28	381
7.	Medical Waste	17	66
8.	Small Water Systems	0	34
9.	Wells	78	948
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	12	171
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	70	802
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	88	985
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	42	433
14.	Storm Water	143	2,375
15.	Waste Tire	6	190
16.	Tobacco Retailer	24	443
	Total	1,562	19,230
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	82	1,008
2.	Food Borne Illness	1	179
3.	Incident Response	27	477
4.	Storm Water	25	197
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	7	25
	Total	142	1,886
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	15	138
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	320	3,608
2.	Monitoring Wells	29	479
3.	Food Facilities	110	1,336
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	23	356
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	16	204
6.	Land Use	11	168
	Total	509	6,151
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	14,143	151,673
2.	Public Record Reviews	19	307
	Total	14,162	151,980