



# Environmental Management Department

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*Welcome to the February 2007 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of January 2007. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.*

## **Highlights**

- *Board of Supervisors Attend Media Kick-Off For Color-Coded Placarding System*
- *1,149 Attendees Participate In "How To Get A Green" Workshops*
- *EMD Holds Food Industry Working Group Meeting*
- *Department Conducts Program Updates/Fee Workshops*

## **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Roger Dickinson, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
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Countywide Services Agency

Val F. Siebal, Director  
Environmental Management  
Department

## **NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION**

### Color-Coded Placarding System

County Board members Illa Collin, Roger Dickinson, and Don Nottoli, Public Health Officer Glennah Trochet, EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, participated in a media conference to notify the public about the new requirement for posting of color-coded placards. Also in attendance, and speaking at the media conference, were John Hanley from the Independent Grocers Association and the owner of Bangkok Garden Restaurant in Natomas.

### News Media Joined Staff

Various representatives from the news media accompanied Supervising Environmental Specialists (ES) Kelly McCoy, and ESs Jeff Czapla and Sonia Lee during the first day of implementation of the Green-Yellow-Red Placarding System for Restaurant Inspections.

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

### Fee Workshops

The Department conducted Program Update/Fee Workshops with customers to discuss the proposed five-year fee package. Questions were addressed at the Workshops.

### "How To Get A Green" Workshops

Thirty-six "How To Get A Green" Workshops were held during the month of January with 1,149 attendees. Thirty classes were conducted in English; three classes were conducted in Spanish; four classes were conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in both English and Spanish.

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Christine Abad, Robert Duncan, Amanda Hakim, Dennis Karidis, Lisa Perez and Kevin Smith conducted two HMP Workshops with 12 businesses in attendance.

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in January with 113 participants representing 25 facilities. Three FSE classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Spanish; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

### Chinese Delegation

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez conducted a presentation on Food Safety for the members of a Chinese Delegation visiting the Board of Supervisors.

### Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)

Representatives from BERC joined ESs Dennis Catanyag, Eric Haupt, and Sonia Lee on Restaurant Inspections in order to familiarize themselves with the Green-Yellow-Red Placarding System and the posting of the color-coded placards.

### EMD Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, and Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Colleen Maitoza, Kelly McCoy, and Zarha Ruiz participated in an EMD Food Industry Working Group meeting to discuss the newly implemented color-coded placarding system and the proposed fee schedule.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

### Information Technology (IT) Support

Information Technology staff provided tremendous support during the initial implementation phase of the Color-Coded Placarding System for restaurants, markets, school cafeterias and other retail food facilities. Placard color changes, particularly those that involve a return to compliance, are now posted to EMD's website daily.

### Water Recycling Advisory Committee

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen and ES Chris Hunley participated in a meeting of the Water Recycling Advisory Committee of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District. The Advisory Committee provides input on the District's long-term water recycling planning efforts.

### Pandemic Flu

EMD's Pandemic Flu Committee, consisting of Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Steve Kalvelage, and Chris Pace, Administrative Services Officer III Kim Smith, and Information Technology Analyst Rob Milano, completed and submitted the Department's Pandemic Flu Operations Guide to the County Executive's Office.

### Recycled Water

EMD Director Val Siebal and WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with representatives from the State Department of Health Services (DHS) to discuss formal delegation of Recycling Water Program Oversight from DHS to EMD.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)**

HMD Chief Dennis Green presented information at a training session hosted by the CIWMB.

## **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

### **County Leadership Academy**

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez and HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild were selected to participate in the 22-week inaugural class of the Sacramento County Leadership Academy. The Academy is designed to provide highly qualified managers with the skills and resources to pursue leadership positions within the County. The Academy strives to provide participants with a broad perspective of County operations, develop leadership strengths, and establish a qualified pool of candidates for leadership advancement.

### **Government Processes Training**

EMD Director Val Siebal and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth participated in training related to "Better, Faster, Cheaper—Proven Methods To Streamline Government Processes".

### **HazWoper Training**

ES Lea Gibson participated in a 24-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Training session. Staff that work in or around Hazardous Waste or Materials must attend initial training and also meet an annual training requirement.

### **eEquip Training**

IT staff conducted several internal eEquip training sessions. eEquip is a document imaging tool that eases the process for handling electronic documents.

### **NIMS/SEMS Training**

Supervising ES Chris Pace attended a combined course of training on the National Incident Management System and the Standardized Emergency Management System.

### **Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) Training**

ES Trainees Judinae Ablang, Heather Holcomb, Rashmi Nair, Kavita Thiruvengadam, Sara Vining, and Kari Wagner attended a 3-day REHS Exam Training Course to assist them in passing their REHS exam scheduled for July 2007.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Promotions**

Rashmi Nair was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

Kavita Thiruvengadam was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

### **New Employees**

Heather Pete was hired as a Senior Office Assistant in the EHD.

Jenny Slenter was hired as an Administrative Services Office II.

**JANUARY 2007 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>January 2007</b>	<b>Year To Date 2007</b>
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,516	1,516
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	0
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	0
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	22	22
5.	Liquid Waste	93	93
6.	Medical Waste	13	13
7.	Small Water Systems	1	1
8.	Wells	83	83
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	29	29
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	98	98
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	127	127
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	42	42
13.	Storm Water	109	109
14.	Waste Tire	58	58
15.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>
	Total	2,248	2,248
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	93	93
2.	Food Borne Illness	46	46
3.	Incident Response	51	51
4.	Storm Water	31	31
5.	Waste Tire	1	1
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Total	223	223
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	6	6
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	396	396
2.	Monitoring Wells	47	47
3.	Food Facilities	95	95
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	34	34
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	17	17
6.	Land Use	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
	Total	604	604
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	11,877	11,877
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>
	Total	11,903	11,903