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

Highlights

- *EMD Food Industry Working Group Meets To Discuss Color-Coded Placarding System And Proposed Fee Schedule And Ordinance*
- *Twenty-Four "How To Get A Green" Placard Workshops Held For Restaurant Workers*
- *EMD Conducts Workshops On Proposed Five-Year Fee Schedule*
- *"How To Get A Green" Training DVD Being Developed*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

California Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Leadership Award

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Program Manager Elise Rothschild received the "Outstanding California Unified Program Agency Award" for her work on implementing the Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005 and other CUPA activities. An EMD staff member has received this prestigious statewide award for the second time in three years.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Training DVD Being Developed For "How To Get A Green"

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, and ES Jannine Talusik were involved in the filming of information for inclusion on a DVD which is being developed for in-house training on "How To Get A Green" placard for retail food workers. After development is complete, the DVD is expected to be produced in multiple languages which will be available to food facility operators at no cost. The DVD will also be posted onto the EMD website so retail food facility owners can download the training.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Environmental Specialists (ESs) Amanda Hakim, Joe Jimenez, Matt Mulcahy, Bob Price, Kevin Smith, Dave Steele and Jeni Van Dusen conducted two HMP Workshops with 16 businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in February with 56 participants representing 14 facilities. Three FSE classes were conducted in English, two classes were conducted in Spanish, and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Additional Fee Workshops

EMD Director Val Siebal, Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth and ES Cheryl Hawkins conducted a Small Water Systems Program proposed fee workshop in Isleton. Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green and Supervising ES Lisa Todd also conducted a workshop with facilities regulated under the Solid and Medical Waste Programs. EMD's proposed five-year fee package was shared and customer questions were addressed.

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

Twenty-four "How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops were held during the month of February with 416 attendees. Eighteen classes were conducted in English; four classes were conducted in Spanish; and two classes were conducted in Cantonese.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, and Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza, Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz participated in an EMD Food Industry Working Group meeting to discuss the Color-Coded Placarding System and the proposed Fee Schedule and Ordinance.

Staff Recruitment

EHD staff conducted interviews for vacant ES positions within the Consumer Protection Program; two internal candidates were promoted and an employment offer was submitted to one outside candidate.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Delta Boating Program

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage participated in a meeting of the Delta Boating Program to discuss issues common to the Delta counties (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Yolo and Solano) and to State agencies relating to sewage pumping, oil and battery recycling, fish line and pet waste cleanup programs.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and SEC Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the February meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Update on Wood Stoves and Fireplace Change Out Incentive Program from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD); and (2) Discussion on EMD's 5-Year Fee Proposal which goes before the County Board of Supervisors for approval on April 3, 2007.

IT Security Audit

Senior Information Technology (IT) Analyst Jim Guilliams developed an internal security self-audit report for all EMD IT functions.

Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA)

HMD Chief Dennis Green and ES Sharon Zimmerman met with staff representing the SWA to discuss implementation of the new Business Recycling Ordinance.

Bay Area Pool Sharing Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza attended the Bay Area Pool Sharing Committee and provided input on the draft for the proposed new Pool Code.

Information Technology Support

IT staff provided support for forty-eight meetings during the month.

Local Water Park

Supervising ESs Colleen Maitoza and Zarha Ruiz and ES Jason Smalley met with the new owners of a local water park to discuss needed upgrades to the food and recreational health facilities prior to its reopening.

BERC Staff Ride-Along

ES Ray Fontanilla provided a ride-along for a Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) staff member in order to familiarize her with the Green-Yellow-Red (GYR) Placarding System.

Contra Costa County

IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams gathered information for staff of the Hazardous Materials Department of Contra Costa County who are researching the possibility of converting to an electronic document management system similar to that utilized by EMD.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS9th Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

HMD Chief Dennis Green presented information to CUPA Managers on options for a statewide training academy. HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild gave three presentations covering enforcement case studies and innovative techniques utilized by EMD as part of the CUPA Program implementation.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING9th Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

The following staff members participated in the 9th Annual CUPA Conference: HMD Chief Dennis Green; HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild; Supervising ESs Anthony Chu, Chris Pace and Marie Woodin; ESs Christine Abad, Robert Duncan, Amanda Hakim, Sophia Jella', Joe Jimenez, Dennis Karidis, Matt Mulcahy, Jonathan Pollack, Kevin Smith, and Jeni VanDusen; and Environmental Compliance Technicians (ECTs) Michelle Blair, Sharon Merker, and Mike Simpson.

California Water Environment Conference

ES Lea Gibson attended the California Water Environment Association's 2007 Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention and Stormwater Conference.

Microsoft Training

Senior IT

Analyst Jim Guilliams and IT Analyst Rob Milano attended a week-long Microsoft SMS training class. SMS is a desktop management system which EMD will implement shortly in order to better manage the software and hardware used by the Department.

California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL)

Supervising ESs Colleen Maitoza, Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz, and ESs Jeff Czapla and Sonia Lee attended a four-day training session on the Cal Code which will replace the current California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL).

PERSONNELPromotions

Erica Burris was promoted from a Student Intern to a Senior Student Intern in EHD.

Melissa Grech was promoted from an Office Assistant II to a Senior Office Assistant in the Imaging Program.

FEBRUARY 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		February 2007	Year To Date 2007
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,110	2,626
2.	Farm Labor Camps	5	5
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	0
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	23	45
5.	Liquid Waste	12	105
6.	Medical Waste	1	14
7.	Small Water Systems	4	5
8.	Wells	56	139
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	12	41
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	48	146
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	73	200
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	35	77
13.	Storm Water	48	157
14.	Waste Tire	105	163
15.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>37</u>	<u>94</u>
	Total	1,569	3,817
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	68	161
2.	Food Borne Illness	27	73
3.	Incident Response	47	98
4.	Storm Water	36	67
5.	Waste Tire	1	2
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	Total	179	402
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	8	14
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	276	672
2.	Monitoring Wells	31	88
3.	Food Facilities	62	157
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	43	77
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	11	28
6.	Land Use	<u>14</u>	<u>29</u>
	Total	437	1,051
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	11,589	23,466
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>31</u>	<u>57</u>
	Total	11,620	23,523