



Environmental Management Department

8475 Jackson Road, Suite 200 • Sacramento, CA 95826 • (916) 875-8444 • FAX (916) 875-8588

April 2007

Volume 6, Number 4

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

Highlights

- *EMD Management Meets With California Small Business Association On Proposed Fee Ordinance*
- *Hazardous Materials Division Conducts Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops*
- *EMD Food Industry Working Group Meets To Discuss Cal Code, Proposed Fee Ordinance And Color-Coded Placarding*
- *2,920 Attendees Have Participated In "How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops*

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Roger Dickinson, 1st District
Jimmy Yee, 2nd District
Susan Peters, 3rd District
Roberta MacGlashan, 4th District
Don Nottoli, 5th District

Terry Schutten, County Executive

Penelope Clarke, Administrator
Countywide Services Agency

Val F. Siebal, Director
Environmental Management
Department

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Color-Coded Placarding System

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez provided an interview for Radio Station KFBK 1530 regarding the Green, Yellow, Red Color-Coded Placarding System.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Board of Supervisors' Chiefs of Staff

EMD Director Val Siebal met with the Board Chiefs of Staff to provide information on the proposed comprehensive Five-Year Fee Ordinance.

California Small Business Association (SBA)

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green and Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen met with representatives from the California SBA to discuss EMD's proposed five-year fee package.

Compliance Assistance Bulletin (CAB)

EMD distributed an informational CAB to Underground Storage Tank (UST) owners regarding tank upgrade and repair permit requirements.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Environmental Specialists (ESs) Ryan Artz, Amanda Hakim, Derek Jacks, Joe Jimenez and Lisa Perez conducted two HMP Workshops with 11 businesses in attendance.

Lead Hazard Outreach Conducted

Lead Hazard Reduction Compliance and Enforcement Program staff conducted an outreach to homeowners and contractors at a local hardware store.

Food Industry Working Group

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

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in March with 79 participants representing 14 facilities. Three FSE classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Spanish; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

Three "How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops were held during the month of March with 17 attendees. Two classes were conducted in English and one class was conducted in Spanish. To date, One hundred and twenty-three Workshops have been held with 2,920 attendees.

City of Elk Grove

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth met with the new Public Works Director for the City of Elk Grove in order to provide an overview of EMD and to identify areas of program coordination.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Groundwater Resources Association (GRA)

WPD Program Manager Dana Booth participated in a GRA event in order to meet with representatives from a State legislator's office.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the March meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Commercial Recycling Ordinance/Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA); and (2) Luther Burbank High School Shares Results of Research Conducted on Water and Soil at Magpie Creek.

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild met with a group of local District Attorneys, in behalf of the California CUPA Forum Board, to discuss processes and procedures for handling enforcement cases that impact multi jurisdictions.

Delta Fish Mercury Advisory Group

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos participated in a meeting of the Delta Fish Mercury Advisory Group concerning the recent release of the Health Advisory and Safe Eating Guidelines for the San Joaquin River and South Delta Counties by the State Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

Information Technology

John Stender, Senior Information Technology (IT) Analyst and EMD Database Administrator, analyzed and provided detailed statistics to EHD's Consumer Protection Program relative to the Color-Coded Placarding System. Mr. Stender also collaborated with HMD staff to define and establish a database for the Business Recycling Program that HMD will be implementing in behalf of the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority.

Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA)

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Chris Hunley met with the SAWWA Backflow Committee regarding the contract between SAWWA and EMD for tracking and testing backflow devices on public water systems.

Noise Complaint

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and ES Jim Sherman are working with Howard Schmidt, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Susan Peters, members of the Planning Department and others concerning a noise complaint at a local fun center.

Information Technology Support

IT staff provided support for twenty-nine meetings during the month of March.

STAFF PRESENTATIONSCalifornia Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies

ES John Lewis presented information on EMD's Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program at a meeting of the California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGHazardous Waste Management

ESs Joe Jimenez and Jeni VanDusen attended training on the Fundamentals of Hazardous Waste Management.

AEHS Training

ESs Charley Langer and Barry Marcus attended training on a variety of site assessment and mitigation topics sponsored by the Association of Environmental Health and Sciences (AEHS).

HazWOPER Training

The following HMD staff attended Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HazWoper) training: ES Matt Mulcahy and Environmental Compliance Technicians (ECTs) Mike Simpson and Michelle Blair.

Gang Awareness

EHD staff attended training on Gang Awareness (as a violence prevention tool) and Report Writing presented by the Sacramento County District Attorneys Office.

Parcel/Permit Tracking

WPD staff attended two orientation classes regarding Accela, the County's new parcel/permit tracking program. EMD will utilize the program to ensure that "holds" are placed on properties to ensure proper usage.

CHMIA Conference

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild and ESs Ryan Artz and Heather Tanner attended the Annual Conference of the California Hazardous Materials Investigator Association (CHMIA).

PERSONNELPromotions

Eric Haupt was promoted to an ES III in EHD.

Derrick Ho was promoted to an Accounting Technician.

Jason Smalley was promoted to an ES III in EHD.

Jesus Trujillo was promoted to an ES III Intermittent in EHD.

New Hires

Sandy Leahy was hired as an Administrative Services Officer III.

MARCH 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		March 2007	Year To Date 2007
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,256	3,882
2.	Farm Labor Camps	3	8
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	8	8
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	13	58
5.	Liquid Waste	28	133
6.	Medical Waste	5	19
7.	Small Water Systems	5	10
8.	Wells	114	253
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	22	63
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	86	232
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	115	315
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	67	144
13.	Storm Water	147	304
14.	Waste Tire	233	396
15.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>43</u>	<u>137</u>
	Total	2,145	5,962
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	100	261
2.	Food Borne Illness	15	88
3.	Incident Response	36	134
4.	Storm Water	43	110
5.	Waste Tire	1	3
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total	196	598
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	17	31
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	430	1,102
2.	Monitoring Wells	42	130
3.	Food Facilities	79	236
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	26	103
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	14	42
6.	Land Use	<u>28</u>	<u>57</u>
	Total	619	1,670
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	13,640	37,106
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>33</u>	<u>90</u>
	Total	13,673	37,196