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Welcome to the May 2007 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of April 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 Approves Five-Year Fee Ordinance*
- *Water Protection Division Provides Information On Required Registration For Sewage Transportation From Passenger Airplanes*
- *Hazardous Materials Division Staff Presents Testimony Relating To Local Waste Disposal Company*
- *Environmental Health Division Meets To Discuss Illegal Produce Vendors*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Board Approves Five-Year Fee Ordinance

On April 10, 2007, the County Board of Supervisors approved EMD's proposed Five-Year Fee Ordinance.

Statewide California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Program Manager Alicia Enriquez received the CCDEH "Robert E. Merryman Manager of the Year Award". The Award is presented as an endorsement to promote and support the development of managers and future managers. Alicia's enrollment in the Sacramento County Leadership Academy, along with her key role in the Department's Green-Yellow-Red Placarding System for retail food facilities, assisted in garnering Alicia this statewide recognition.

Earth Day

In recognition of Earth Day, the County Board of Supervisors presented EMD Director Val Siebal with a Resolution commending EMD and other County entities for their work in protecting and preserving the environment in Sacramento County.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

"How To Get A Green" Workshops

Four "How To Get A Green" Workshops were held during the month of April with 93 attendees. The four classes were conducted in English.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Environmental Specialists (ESs) Christine Abad, Amanda Hakim, Sophia Jella', Joe Jimenez, Dennis Karidis, Jonathan Pollack, Kevin Smith, Dave Steele, and Jeni VanDusen conducted two HMP Workshops with 13 businesses in attendance.

Technical Testimony

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green was asked to serve as a technical expert and provide testimony before the California Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee relating to AB 1130.

Staff Recruitment

EHD staff conducted interviews for vacant ES positions within the Consumer Protection Program; two new staff members will be joining EHD in May.

Sewage Transport

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Faith King met with representatives from various airplane companies to provide information on the need for EMD registration of vehicles transporting sewage from airplanes to area dumping stations and sites.

Administrative Law Judge

HMD Chief Dennis Green and ES Sharron Zimmerman presented testimony before a State of California Administrative Law Judge relating to a case brought by EMD against a local waste disposal company on behalf of the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in April with 89 participants representing 22 facilities. Three FSE classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Spanish; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the April meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) General Plan Update from the County and City of Sacramento, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and the City of Rancho Cordova; and (2) Presentation of Environmental Excellence Awards.

Illegal Produce Vendors

EHD Supervising ESs Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz met with representatives from County Code Enforcement and the County Agricultural Commission to discuss illegal produce vendors and to organize a sweep of illegal food sales in the County.

Tactical Commanders Network

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild participated in the monthly Tactical Commanders Network meeting hosted by the Sacramento Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center (Department of Homeland Security).

Septic System Files

All septic system paper files which did not require data entry have been scanned by EMD's Imaging Team. A small group of older files remain which require data entry before they can be scanned.

Business Recycling Ordinance

HMD Chief Dennis Green met with officials from the City of Sacramento Solid Waste Division to discuss EMD's implementation of the Business Recycling Ordinance recently enacted by the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority.

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez participated in a meeting of the NEHA Board of Directors. Ms. Enriquez serves as a NEHA Board Member representing California, Hawaii, Nevada and Arizona.

Sacramento County Water Agency

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, and ES Chris Hunley met with representatives from the Sacramento County Water Agency to discuss annual inspections and 4-year shut down tests for recycled water use sites.

Information Technology (IT) Support

IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior IT Analyst John Stender worked with HMD to establish a list of candidate facilities for the Solid Waste Authority Business Recycling Program.

STAFF PRESENTATIONSWaste Tire Surveillance Program

HMD Waste Tire staff presented information outlining EMD's innovative waste tire surveillance program at a meeting of the Bay Area Waste Tire Round Table.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGHazardous Waste Manifesting

Environmental Specialists in the HMD attended training on hazardous waste manifesting.

Water Conference

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth attended the California Water Law Conference.

Meth Lab and Pesticide Training

ES Derek Jacks and Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Mike Simpson received training on methamphetamine labs and pesticide issues from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB).

California Environmental Health Association (CEHA)

Several EMD staff members participated in the CEHA Annual Conference. EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez presented information on the Sacramento County Food Disclosure System; better known as the Green/Yellow/Red Placarding System at the Conference. WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and ESs Jack Bellan, Sean Daneluk, Lea Gibson, and Chris Hunley attended an Epidemiology 101 training class. Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage attended training on staff safety in trenches applicable to septic inspections.

Environmental Enforcement Techniques

Supervising ESs Anthony Chu and Chris Pace; ESs Christine Abad, Amanda Hakim, Derek Jacks, Joe Jimenez, Dennis Karidis, Doug Osborn, Jonathan Pollack, Bob Price, Dave Steele, Jenny VanDusen and Patrice Webb attended a Western States training course focusing on environmental enforcement techniques.

Certified Pool Operators (CPO)

Nine members of the EHD attended CPO training presented by the National Swimming Pool Foundation. All members who participated in the training passed the test to become Certified Pool Operators.

Inspection Interviewing

ESs Ryan Artz, Derek Jacks, Sophia Jella', Matt Mulcahy, Lisa Perez, Jonathan Pollack, and Heather Tanner attended training on inspector interviewing skills.

PERSONNELPromotions

Michelle Blair was promoted to an ES I in HMD.
Jeff Czapla was promoted to an ES IV (Supervisor) in EHD.

New Employees

Norriel Hernandez was hired as an Accounting Technician.
Lisa Robbins was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) I in EHD.

APRIL 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		April 2007	Year To Date 2007
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	961	4,843
2.	Farm Labor Camps	7	15
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	10	18
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	12	70
5.	Liquid Waste	34	167
6.	Medical Waste	0	19
7.	Small Water Systems	0	10
8.	Wells	80	333
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	15	78
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	79	311
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	118	433
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	42	186
13.	Storm Water	142	446
14.	Waste Tire	87	483
15.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>24</u>	<u>161</u>
	Total	1,592	7,554
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	86	347
2.	Food Borne Illness	17	105
3.	Incident Response	57	191
4.	Storm Water	32	142
5.	Waste Tire	0	3
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	Total	193	791
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	15	46
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	429	1,531
2.	Monitoring Wells	43	173
3.	Food Facilities	81	317
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	28	131
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	13	55
6.	Land Use	<u>26</u>	<u>83</u>
	Total	620	2,290
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,464	49,570
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>35</u>	<u>125</u>
	Total	12,499	49,695