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

Highlights

- *Board of Supervisors Approves Resolution Authorizing Director to Execute 2006-07 Local Oversight Program Agreement with State Waste Resources Control Board*
- *Environmental Specialist Wendy Hoffspiegel Receives Bronze Star From County Board of Supervisors As Part Of The "Stars Of Excellence" Award Program*
- *Sacramento Environmental Commission Presents Environmental Excellence Awards*

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Department

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Local Oversight Program Authorized

On May 15, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution authorizing EMD Director Val Siebal to execute a 2006-07 Local Oversight Program Agreement (LOP) with the State Water Resources Control Board. Approval of this Agreement allows EMD to continue providing oversight in the cleanup of underground fuel tanks.

County "Stars of Excellence"

Environmental Specialist Wendy Hoffspiegel received a Bronze Star for her work on the Illegal Dumping Task Force as part of the County "Stars of Excellence" award program.

Enforcement Case to SWA Ordinances

The Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) completed its first major enforcement case relating to Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Ordinances. A State Administrative Law Judge upheld a \$12,000 penalty and ruled that a local waste company operated solid waste collection activities in an unlawful manner.

Recreational Water Illness Prevention

The Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution proclaiming May 21-27, 2007 as "Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week" in Sacramento County. The event kicked off public pool and spa inspections throughout the County.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Employee Recognition Events

The Water Protection Division (WPD) and the Environmental Health Division (EHD) held their semi-annual Employee Recognition Events. Staff participated in team building exercises and members were acknowledged for their many contributions to the Department.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Kiosk Installed

EMD's Information Technology staff installed a "kiosk" type computer workstation in the cashier's lobby in order to provide the public with easier access to electronic document review.

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

Five "How To Get A Green" Workshops were held during the month of May with 56 attendees. Four workshops were held in English and one workshop was held in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Christine Abad, Robert Duncan, Jonathan Pollack, Kevin Smith, David Steele, Heather Tanner, and Jeni VanDusen conducted two workshops with 12 businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Seven FSE classes were conducted in May with 68 participants representing 21 facilities. Four classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Spanish.

The Ranch Homeowners Association

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Terry Kociemba conducted an annual informational presentation on care and maintenance of septic tanks for The Ranch Homeowners Association as mandated by the waste discharge requirements issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Swimming Pool/Spa Training

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza and ESs Manroop Shergill, Mandip Singh, Jannine Talusik, and Mary Taylor presented a workshop to assist operators in preparing for the upcoming pool season.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Local Environmental Protection Committee

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild and ES Heather Tanner attended a meeting of the state mandated Local Environmental Protection Committee and provided an update on the regional hazardous materials response Area Plan. The Committee is composed of representatives from governmental agencies, private businesses, and the public.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the May meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Welcome new Commissioner Michael Mendez; (2) Overview of EMD Small Water System Program by ES Cheryl Hawkins; and (3) Fiscal Year 2007-08 Commission Budget. Environmental Excellence Awards were presented to Granite Construction and Los Rios Community College District during the County Board meeting. Kikkoman Foods, Inc. was presented with an Environmental Excellence Award during a meeting of the Folsom City Council. The Hines Real Estate firm was presented with an Environmental Excellence Award during a meeting of the Sacramento City Council.

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 California Retail Food Code (Cal Code) changes which will become effective July 1, 2007.

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with representatives of the SCGA to establish information sharing procedures to assist SCGA in their goal of protecting groundwater in the central part of Sacramento County.

California CUPA Forum Board

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild attended a meeting of the California Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board. Several current issues affecting CUPAs were discussed. (The California CUPA Forum is a statewide organization which consolidates Unified Program implementation efforts and represents all certified or participating agencies with a single voice.)

Information Technology (IT)

IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior Information Technology (IT) Analyst John Stender prepared the Department's internal tracking software for implementation of the HMD Solid Waste Business Recycling Program. IT staff provided support for approximately forty meetings and presentations.

Tactical Commanders Meeting

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild attended a meeting of the Sacramento Area Tactical Commanders to discuss incidents and preplan for large incidents at high profile facilities in the County. The group is composed of management level individuals from law enforcement, fire, and homeland security.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Sealing Wells

WPD staff attended an educational workshop on bentonite products for use in sealing wells presented by CETCO (Colloid Environmental Technologies Company). CETCO is a major producer/distributor of sealing products for all types of wells, monitoring, water supply, and heat exchange.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

California Retail Food Code (Cal Code)

ESs in the EHD received training on Cal Code changes which will become effective on July 1, 2007.

Environmental Chemistry

ESs Ryan Artz, Amanda Hakim, Derek Jacks, Dennis Karidis, Lisa Perez, Kevin Smith and Jeni VanDusen attended training on environmental chemistry.

Media Training

EHD Chief John Rogers and Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Jeff Czapl, and Zarha Ruiz attended a "Media Training Class" which focused on suggested techniques for media interviews.

Hazardous Waste Tracking System

Supervising ES Chris Pace and ESs Ryan Artz, Amanda Hakim, Matthew Mulcahy, David Steele and Jeni VanDusen received training on the Hazardous Waste Tracking System. The System is managed by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control in order to track hazardous waste manifests.

Cross Media Enforcement Symposium

ESs Christine Abad, Derek Jacks, Brion McGinness, Lisa Perez, and Kevin Smith attended a Cross Media Enforcement Symposium presented by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

HazWOPER Training

ES Sharon Merker completed a HazWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) refresher course. Staff that work in and around Hazardous Waste or Materials must meet an annual training requirement.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Libby Carruesco was promoted to an ES III in EHD.
Sharon Merker was promoted to an ES I in HMD on April 1, 2007.

New Employees

Craig Dorrrough was hired as an ES I in EHD.
Gideon Feineh was hired as an Accountant II in Finance.
Paul Kong was hired as an Account Clerk III in Finance on April 1, 2007.
Victoria Krohn was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician I in HMD.
Janet Martin was hired as a Senior Student Intern in EHD.
Isabel Rodriguez was hired as an ES I in EHD.
Justin Ross was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician I in HMD.

MAY 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		May 2007	To Date* FY 2006-07
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	821	3,849
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	87	544
	C. Red – Closed	9	34
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection	1,169	11,337
2.	Farm Labor Camps	5	53
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	13	1,542
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	10	184
5.	Liquid Waste	46	432
6.	Medical Waste	9	66
7.	Small Water Systems	1	28
8.	Wells	98	924
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	27	183
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	89	777
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	106	991
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	46	496
13.	Storm Water	159	1,612
14.	Waste Tire	121	671
15.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>32</u>	<u>437</u>
	Total	1,931	19,733
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	88	1,062
2.	Food Borne Illness	14	166
3.	Incident Response	54	492
4.	Storm Water	20	253
5.	Waste Tire	1	4
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>2</u>	<u>21</u>
	Total	179	1,998
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	68	869
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	12	129
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	56	3,069
	Total	136	4,067
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	343	4,077
2.	Monitoring Wells	42	466
3.	Food Facilities	85	1,013
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	22	342
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	10	177
6.	Land Use	5	164
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>65</u>	<u>560</u>
	Total	572	6,799
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,772	154,070
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>31</u>	<u>314</u>
	Total	10,803	154,384

*Numbers reflect Inspections, Investigations, etc. from July 2006 to present.