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

Highlights

- *“How To Get A Green” Retail Food Workshops Held Monthly*
- *Discussion Held With CalExpo Management Re Food Inspections At State Fair*
- *Director Attends Visioning Workshop At County Sanitation District*
- *Department Implements Cross Training For Staff On Recycling Inspections*
- *Program Developed To Allow Water Agencies To View Backflow Device Information On EMD Internet Page*

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

“How To Get A Green” Retail Food Workshops

Seven “How To Get A Green” Workshops were held during the month of August with 150 attendees. Five workshops were held in English; one workshop was held in Cantonese; and one workshop was held in Spanish.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Environmental Specialists (ESs) Robert Duncan, Amanda Hakim, Sophia Jella’, Lisa Perez, Jonathan Pollack, Kevin Smith, David Steele and Jeni VanDusen conducted two HMP workshops with 13 businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in August with 50 participants representing 11 facilities. Three classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Spanish; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Staff Recruitment

Environmental Health Division (EHD) staff conducted interviews for vacant ES positions; one new staff member will be joining EHD this month.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Food And Drug Administration

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy participated in a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Pacific Region Retail Food Seminar at which food safety issues and food safety innovations were discussed.

Transfer Of Property

EMD Director Val Siebal and Water Protection Division (WPD) Program Manager Dana Booth represented EMD at the signing ceremony for the nation's first "early" (still contaminated) transfer of property from the Federal government to a private developer. The developer (McClellan Business Park) will be responsible for clean-up of the site prior to commercial use of the land. The US Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with CalEPA, will continue to provide regulatory oversight for the remediation.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal began hosting appreciation lunches for Advisory Working Group members as a thank you for their time and commitment to the County.

Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and EMD's Stormwater Team (ESs Sean Daneluk, Lea Gibson and John Lewis) met with representatives from the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership to discuss EMD's Stormwater Compliance Program.

Bay Area Swimming Pool Committee

Supervising ES Coleen Maitoza attended a meeting of the Bay Area Swimming Pool Information Sharing Committee to discuss public pool issues.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the August meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included presentations by: (1) The Disease Control and Epidemiology Division of the Sacramento County Department and Health and Human Services; (2) The Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling; and (3) The Environmental Health Division of the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department.

Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos met with representatives from the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge to discuss issues relating to requirements for temporary food events hosted by non-profit groups.

WateReuse Association

ES Chris Hunley represented EMD at a meeting of the Northern California Chapter of the WateReuse Association which focused on the effects of recycled water on groundwater.

California Exposition And State Fair (CalExpo)

Environmental Specialists from EHD conducted over 120 food inspections on opening day of the 2007 California State Fair. EMD Director Val Siebal and Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers met with Norb Bartosik, General Manager; Brian May, Assistant Manager; and Kathy Nakase, Chairwoman of CalExpo to discuss food facility inspections.

Sacramento County Area Plan

The Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) hosted a meeting to solicit agency input on the Sacramento County Area Plan. The Plan serves as the County's coordination and planning effort for hazardous materials emergency response.

County Sanitation District One (CSD-1)

At the invitation of Mary Snyder, Director, District Engineering, Sacramento County Department of Water Quality, EMD Director Val Siebal joined CSD-1 at their visioning workshop to predict future program developments. EMD will embark on planning a similar workshop.

Information Technology (IT)

IT Manager Geoff Marsh extracted and analyzed EHD data in preparation for the Food Safety "Awards of Excellence" presentation to retail food facilities that exhibit exemplary food safety practices. IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior It Analyst John Stender refined data for the new Business Recycling Program and produced multiple sets of mailing labels for the initial contact with Program participants.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

HMD Hosts Photo Contest

HMD hosted its first photo contest. Over twenty photographs of hazardous material spills, fire-related emergencies, and various staff at work were received. Six winning photographs were selected and are now prominently displayed on an EMD picture wall.

Backflow Device Testing Information

Senior IT Analysts Jim Guilliams and John Stender and IT Analyst Rob Milano developed a program to allow outside water agencies to view real time backflow device testing information stored in EMD's database. Water agencies are now able to access information on backflow devices in their service areas, including type of device, site details and testing status information.

Voice Over IP (VOIP) Telephone System

IT Manager Geoff Marsh, Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams, Administrative Services Officer III Sandra Leahy and Administrative Services Officer I Linda Jimenez attended a demonstration of the VOIP System in anticipation of installation of the System at EMD's future facility.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

BERC/SMUD Environmental Workshop

ESs Michelle Blair, Derek Jacks. Sharon Merker and Mike Simpson served as guest speakers for the joint Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)/Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Environmental Workshop on universal waste, the Sacramento County Business Recycling Program, and the Waste Tire Program.

Septic Systems/Sewage Spills

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage provided training on septic systems and sewage spills to staff of the Code Enforcement Division of the County Planning Department in order to assist in coordination efforts between EMD and Code Enforcement.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Director Accompanies Staff

EMD Director Val Siebal accompanied staff on inspections at two ethnic grocery stores and several business recycling operations.

Recycling Inspections

As an ingredient of the field implementation phase of the new Business Recycling Program, HMD staff began cross training in order to perform recycling inspections. The training is geared toward utilization of existing staff in conducting a major part of the inspection for the newly established program. ES Joseph Jimenez has recently joined the Business Recycling Team in an effort to accelerate implementation of the Program.

County/City Emergency Operations Center

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage attended training at the new County/City Emergency Operations Center at McClellan Business Park.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Judinae Ablang was promoted to an ES II in EHD.
Joseph Jimenez was promoted to an ES II in HMD.
Sara Vining was promoted to an ES II in EHD.
Kari Wagner was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

New Employees

Mario Martin was hired as a Student Intern in IT.

AUGUST 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		August 2007	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	554	773
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	61	93
	C. Red – Closed	11	18
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection	817	1,215
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	18
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1,274	1,998
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	12	22
5.	Liquid Waste	43	80
6.	Medical Waste	7	16
7.	Small Water Systems	5	10
8.	Wells	110	218
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	16	25
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	71	154
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	129	241
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	41	79
13.	Storm Water	108	223
14.	Waste Tire	54	110
15.	Tobacco Retailer	7	10
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>120</u>	<u>204</u>
	Total	2,814	4,623
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	150	226
2.	Food Borne Illness	22	54
3.	Incident Response	56	115
4.	Storm Water	23	40
5.	Waste Tire	0	1
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	Total	253	439
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	50	81
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	13	21
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>150</u>	<u>263</u>
	Total	213	365
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	580	1,034
2.	Monitoring Wells	54	105
3.	Food Facilities	101	184
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	47	73
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	21	36
6.	Land Use	24	50
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,868</u>	<u>3,682</u>
	Total	2,695	5,164
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	18,826	31,571
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>29</u>	<u>59</u>
	Total	18,855	31,630