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

### **Highlights**

- *2007 Stormwater Award Presented To EMD*
- *EMD Receives 2007 "Excellence in Environmental Health Award"*
- *Interview Conducted And Workshop Held Regarding Business Recycling Program*
- *EMD Issues "Awards of Excellence" To Food Facilities*
- *EMD Management Observes Computer Tablet Usage During Field Inspections*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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### **NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **EMD Receives "Excellence In Environmental Health Award"**

EMD received the 2007 "Excellence in Environmental Health Award" from the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH). The Award was presented to the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for innovative use of program methods, improvements in productivity, cost savings, sustained improvement and excellence, and successful involvement of managers, staff, industry and the public with regard to Food Safety Program Enhancements – Phase I and Phase II.

#### **2007 Stormwater Award**

On September 11, 2007, the Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program of the Water Protection Division (WPD) received the 2007 Stormwater Award from the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). EMD was recognized with CASQA's Outstanding *Source Control/Programmatic BMP Implementation Award* for implementation of the Sacramento Region's Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program.

#### **Food Safety Education and "Awards of Excellence"**

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez joined the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in declaring September as "Food Safety Education Month in Sacramento County". More than 500 "Awards of Excellence" were issued to retail food facilities with exemplary inspection records for 2006-07.

## NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

### Business Recycling Program

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green was interviewed by reporters from Radio Station KFBK and *The Sacramento Bee* regarding the Sacramento County Business Recycling Program.

### Color-Coded Placarding System

A representative from the *Sacramento Business Journal* accompanied Supervising ES Kelly McCoy on an inspection of a local food facility; EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez provided information for the ensuing article.

## 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 September with 137 attendees. Five workshops were held in English and two workshops were held in Spanish.

### Business Recycling Program

HMD Chief Dennis Green conducted a workshop session relating to the Sacramento County Business Recycling Program at the BEREC/SMUD Sustainable Business Awards Ceremony.

### Licensed Health Care Facilities (LHCF)

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs Debbie Katz and Jannine Talusik conducted an offsite workshop for LHCF operators to explain new California Health and Safety Code regulations which require that LHCFs be inspected by local environmental health agencies.

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Environmental Specialists (ESs) Michelle Blair, Amanda Hakim, Matthew Mulcahy and Jeni VanDusen conducted two HMP workshops with 6 businesses in attendance.

### Laptop Computer Usage During Inspections

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers and IT Manager Geoff Marsh observed the usage of computer tablets by San Bernardino County ESs during their on-site inspection process. It is anticipated that the use of laptop computers during the on-site inspection process will increase process efficiencies and minimize future costs by requiring a single data entry.

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in September with 42 participants representing 15 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English and two classes were conducted in Cantonese.

### Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

Workshops were held with stakeholders to discuss upcoming statewide regulations for onsite wastewater treatment systems. EMD is in the process of updating the Sacramento County Code to conform to the new regulations. Stakeholders were asked to participate in a Wastewater Advisory Committee and to provide input during the update process.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

### Health Emergencies

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Dr. Glennah Trochet, Sacramento County Public Health Officer and Pamela Creedon, Executive Officer, Regional Water Quality Control Board to discuss mutual support during health emergencies.

### Illegal Food Vendors

Supervising ESs Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz conducted a joint sweep in the Florin Mall area with County Code Enforcement and Problem Oriented Police (POP) Officers. Three illegal food carts were embargoed.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the September meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) A presentation by the Sacramento Flood Control Agency on vegetation issues on Sacramento levees; (2) A presentation by the City of Sacramento on the status of the North Transfer Station; (3) A presentation by Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage on upcoming changes to onsite wastewater treatment system regulations; and (4) Adoption of the SEC Mission, History and Goals Statement.

### CIWMB Waste Tire Grants

EMD Director Val Siebal and HMD Chief Dennis Green met with representatives from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to discuss proposed improvements to the application process for Waste Tire Grants.

### Bay Area Food Technical Advisory (BAFTAC) Committee

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy represented the Department at a meeting of the BAFTA Committee.

### California CUPA Forum Board

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild participated in a meeting of the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board to coordinate hazardous materials programmatic issues central to the Northern California Region.

### Bay Area Swimming Pool Sharing Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza attended a meeting of the Pool Sharing Committee where the proposed new Pool Code and Interactive Water Features were discussed.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Regulatory Enforcement

Four Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) enforcement cases were completed.

## EMPLOYEE TRAINING

### Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

ESs Judinae Ablang, Rashmi Nair, Kavita Thiruvengadam, Sara Vining and Kari Wagner passed the State REHS exam. The exam covers a wide range of topics in the field of Environmental Health.

### California (CA) Stormwater Quality Conference

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth, and ESs Sean Daneluk, Lea Gibson and John Lewis attended the Annual Conference of the CA Stormwater Quality Association. ES John Lewis presented information on EMD's Commercial Industrial Stormwater Program at the Conference.

### 2007 Continuing Challenge Conference

ESs Christine Abad, Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Sophia Jellá, Dennis Karidis, Doug Osborn, Jonathan Pollard and Heather Tanner participated in the Annual Continuing Challenge Conference which provides training, networking, and hands-on learning opportunities for hazardous waste responders.

### California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez attended the CCDEH Annual Conference. Chief Rogers presented information on EMD's Food Safety Program Enhancements—Phases I and II.

### Mud School

ES Susan Williams attended an off-site "mud school" in order to learn about various sealants used for construction of water wells.

### Underground Storage Tank Inspection Training

ESs Sophia Jellá, Matthew Mulcahy and David Steele attended advanced Underground Storage Tank Inspection training.

### Groundwater Resources Association Conference

WPD Program Manager Dana Booth and ESs Jack Bellan, Chris Hunley, Susan Williams and David Von Aspern attended the Annual Water Conference of the Groundwater Resources Association. The Conference program included a vast array of session topics including general groundwater quality, recycled water, basic recharge and health risks.

## PERSONNEL

### Promotions

Amanda Hakim was promoted to an ES II in HMD.

### Change in Division Assignment

Eric Haupt, ES III, transferred from EHD to WPD.

### New Employees

Jan Bradshaw was hired as an ES I in EH.

Eric Sutton was hired as an ECT I in HMD.

Elizabeth Valtierra was hired as a Senior Office Assistant (SOA) in EH.

**SEPTEMBER 2007 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>September 2007</b>	<b>To Date FY 2007-08</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	753	1,526
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	52	145
	C. Red – Closed	12	30
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection	993	2,208
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	18
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	280	2,278
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	12	34
5.	Liquid Waste	23	103
6.	Medical Waste	3	19
7.	Small Water Systems	2	12
8.	Wells	99	317
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	11	36
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	73	227
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	100	341
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	38	117
13.	Storm Water	94	317
14.	Waste Tire	55	165
15.	Tobacco Retailer	45	55
16.	Commercial Recycling	60	264
	Total	1,888	6,511
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	97	323
2.	Food Borne Illness	9	63
3.	Incident Response	41	156
4.	Storm Water	26	66
5.	Waste Tire	2	3
6.	Childhood Lead	1	4
	Total	176	615
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	42	123
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	6	27
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	137	400
	Total	185	550
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	470	1,504
2.	Monitoring Wells	48	153
3.	Food Facilities	96	280
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	23	96
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	12	48
6.	Land Use	14	64
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,394	5,076
	Total	2,057	7,221
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	15,249	46,820
2.	Public Record Reviews	21	80
	Total	15,270	46,900