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

Highlights

- *Over 200 Participants Attend Nine “How To Get A Green” Retail Food Workshops*
- *Director Provides Update On Commercial Recycling Program To Solid Waste Authority*
- *Director Meets With County Sanitation District 1 To Ensure Increased Coordination*
- *EMD Hosts Stormwater Compliance Workshop*

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

“How To Get A Green” Retail Food Workshops

Nine “How To Get A Green” Workshops were held during the month of October with 221 attendees. Six workshops were conducted in English; one workshop was conducted in Spanish; and two workshops were conducted in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with 12 businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in October with 45 participants representing 14 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Spanish; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Commercial Recycling Program

EMD Director Val Siebal presented an update on the EMD Commercial Recycling Program for members of the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority. EMD received praise from several affected businesses for its rapid and educational approach to implementation of the new Ordinance for over 20,000 businesses within Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento. Anecdotal information, based upon increased calls to waste haulers requesting recycling bins, indicates that the Program is being well received and recycling efforts are dramatically increasing.

Staff Recruitment

ESs Dennis Catanyag, Mandip Singh, Sara Vining, Kari Wagner and David Wong provided information on EMD employment opportunities at Career Fairs held at American River College, California State University, Sacramento, and the University of California, Davis. Staff conducted interviews for eight vacant ES positions within the Consumer Protection Program; six new staff members will be joining EHD in late November.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

California Retail Food Safety Coalition (CRFSC)

EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, and Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos and Kelly McCoy attended a meeting of the CRFSC to discuss implementation of the new CalCode and related food safety issues.

Chambers of Commerce

HMD Chief Dennis Green presented information on the Business Recycling Program at a meeting of the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce. ES Sharon Merker presented information on the Program at a meeting of the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.

Illegal Camping Along Arden Creek

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos represented EMD at a meeting to discuss illegal camping along Arden Creek. Representatives from County Code Enforcement, County Sheriff's Office, and Howard Schmidt, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Susan Peters were also in attendance.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the October meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Notice of a City of Sacramento Resolution for Frederick Tornatore, outgoing Commission member; (2) A presentation on Obesity and the Planned Neighborhood; and (3) An update on the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority Business Recycling Ordinance by HMD Chief Dennis Green.

EMD Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal and EHD Chief John Rogers hosted an appreciation meeting for the Food Industry Working Group representative from the California Restaurant Association. The Working Group provides valuable volunteer input relative to the EHD Consumer Protection Program. In addition, Director Val Siebal, Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz, and ES Sonia Lee participated in a meeting of the Group.

County Sanitation

EMD Director Val Siebal met with executive management staff from County Sanitation District 1 to review mutual program areas of responsibility and discuss suggestions for improving communication and response.

Web Development

IT Manager Geoff Marsh began work on an updated web site design for EMD. The Department formed an internal Web Development Committee to formulate the basic requirements and to develop an implementation plan. The new web site design and content is expected to be ready for review in early 2008.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

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

On-Line Payment

EMD staff met with a representative from a payment bureau in order to discuss the possibility of implementing an on-line payment option for EMD clients. The Department is expected to receive a proposal from the vendor sometime in November.

Bay Area Swimming Pool Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza represented EMD at a meeting of the Pool Committee wherein the use of Ultra Violet water treatment systems in safeguarding against Cryptosporidium was discussed.

California Environmental Health Association (CEHA)

Supervising ESs Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz, and ESs Dennis Catanyag, Sonia Lee, Aida Rubio-Michelier, Manroop Shergill and Kavita Thiruvengadam attended the CEHA Northern Update meeting to discuss environmental health issues.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Compliance Conference

ES John Lewis met with regional managers and store owners of a local restaurant chain as a result of a large number of stormwater violations. Attendees received information on specific violations.

Envision Connect Software

IT staff continued to prepare and test Envision Connect, including conducting trial inspections utilizing computer tablets which were synchronized to the main database. Staff also conducted trouble-shooting for several connection challenges that were uncovered.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Stormwater Compliance Workshop

ES John Lewis and Dan Gwaltney, Associate Civil Engineer, County Department of Water Resources, presented information to 22 attendees at a general Stormwater Compliance Workshop coordinated by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). Unlike most workshops, this workshop was not industry specific and covered Stormwater regulations, common violations and common corrections as they apply to all business types.

Bureau of Forensic Services

ESs Michelle Blair and Jeni VanDusen presented information on hazardous waste and universal waste requirements at a California Criminalistics Institute Bureau of Forensic Services Safety Officers Course.

Sacramento County Well Ordinance

WPD Program Manager Dana Booth presented information on the Well Ordinance to the Sacramento County Groundwater Authority (SCGA).

Hazardous Material and Hazardous Waste

ES Michelle Blair conducted Hazardous Material and Hazardous Waste Training for Inspectors from the Sacramento County Agriculture Commission.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Medical Waste Inspection

EMD Director Val Siebal accompanied staff on a medical waste inspection to review procedures and field inspection protocols.

Local Enforcement Agency

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild; Supervising ESs Lisa Todd and Marie Woodin; ESs Derek Jacks, Brion McGinness, Mary Ellen Oetzel; and Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Mike Simpson attended Local Enforcement Agency training.

Envision User Conference

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos; Senior IT Analysts John Stender and Jim Williams; and IT Analyst Rob Milano attended a two-day Envision User Conference. John Stender, EMD Database Administrator, participated as a panelist in a group discussion relating to Envision Connect software.

California Accidental Release Program (CAL-ARP)

ESs Christine Abad and Dennis Karidis conducted CAL-ARP Training for the Hazardous Materials Plan Completeness Check Review Team consisting of Supervising ES Marie Woodin, ESs Jeff Gardner, Amanda Hakim, Lisa Perez, and ECTs Justin Ross, and Eric Sutton.

Discharge Exercise

ESs Douglas Osborn and Kevin Smith participated in a Worst Case Discharge Exercise held at the Kinder Morgan facility.

Environmental Crimes Training

ES Heather Tanner attended an Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Program hosted by the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) and taught by law enforcement officers from the Environmental Protection Agency.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Sharon Zimmerman was promoted to an ES III in HMD.

New Employees

Elizabeth Olson was hired as a Student Intern in EHD.

OCTOBER 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		October 2007	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	948	2,474
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	125	270
	C. Red – Closed	17	47
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,319	3,527
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	18
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	2	2,280
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	7	41
5.	Liquid Waste	30	133
6.	Medical Waste	8	27
7.	Small Water Systems	3	15
8.	Wells	126	443
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	19	55
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	65	292
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	82	423
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	34	151
13.	Storm Water	129	446
14.	Waste Tire	24	189
15.	Tobacco Retailer	62	117
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>92</u>	<u>356</u>
	Total	2,002	8,513
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	57	380
2.	Food Borne Illness	6	69
3.	Incident Response	46	202
4.	Storm Water	27	93
5.	Waste Tire	1	4
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
	Total	138	753
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	45	168
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	12	39
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>221</u>	<u>621</u>
	Total	278	828
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	348	1,852
2.	Monitoring Wells	49	202
3.	Food Facilities	97	377
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	20	116
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	24	72
6.	Land Use	9	73
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,326</u>	<u>6,402</u>
	Total	1,873	9,094
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	13,742	60,562
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>35</u>	<u>115</u>
	Total	13,777	60,677