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

Highlights

- *EMD Director And CCDEH Board Members Meet With State Department of Public Health Director*
- *Water Protection Division Initiates Industry Meetings To Update Sacramento County Wastewater Ordinance*
- *Environmental Health Division Program Manager Presents Information On Green/Yellow/Red Placarding System To Hawaii Environmental Health Association*

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Environmental Management
Department

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

“How To Get A Green” Retail Food Workshops

Four “How To Get A Green” Workshops were held during the month of November with 38 attendees. Two workshops were conducted in Spanish; one workshop was conducted in English; and one workshop was conducted in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with eleven businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Seven FSE classes were conducted in November with 96 participants representing 27 facilities. Five classes were conducted in English; one class was conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Spanish.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

California CUPA Forum Board

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green attended the California Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board and the CUPA Regional Forum meeting to discuss coordination of hazardous materials programmatic issues.

State Department of Public Health

EMD Director Val Siebal joined members of the Board of Directors of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) at a meeting with Mark Horton, Director of the State Department of Public Health to discuss common regulatory priorities. The meeting was the first in a series to establish overall framework on how to resolve issues between State and Local government.

Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee

The Water Protection Division (WPD) initiated the first in a series of meetings with a group of participants from the regulated industry in order to begin work on updating the Sacramento County Wastewater Ordinance. The goal of the group is to draft a proposed Ordinance for review by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in 2008.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Kelly McCoy represented the Department at a meeting of BAFTAC. Retail food industry issues were discussed at the meeting.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the November meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) A presentation by the City of Sacramento Planning Department; and (2) A presentation by the City of Elk Grove on Extended Producer Responsibility.

Stockton Boulevard Business Partners

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers met with Richard Green of the Stockton Boulevard Business Partners to discuss EMD fees for retail food facilities.

311 Information System

Information Technology (IT) Manager Geoff Marsh will serve as a member of a Countywide Committee established to develop a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a 311 information system for the County of Sacramento.

Fish Forum

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos participated in a Local Stakeholders Advisory Group Fish Forum meeting to discuss mercury in Delta fish.

WPD Hosts CCDEH Committee

The WPD hosted the Land Use Technical Advisory Committee on Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems of the California Conference of the Directors of Environmental Health. Proposed State Regulations were discussed at the meeting.

Information Technology (IT) Support

Mario Martin, IT Intern, provided support for thirty-four meetings during the month of November.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Hawaii Environmental Health Association

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, as an officer of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), presented information on the Department's Green/Yellow/Red Placarding system at Annual Conference of the Hawaii Environmental Health Association.

American Society of Plumbing Engineers

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza presented information on plumbing issues in food facilities as related to recent CalCode changes at a meeting of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

CalEPA Inspector Training

Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Justin Ross attended a seven day training session at the CalEPA Inspector Training Academy.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Mike Simpson was promoted to an ES I in HMD.

New Employees

Jane Auyeung was hired as an ES I in EHD.

Laura Henry was hired as an ES I in EHD.

Travis Lawrence was hired as a Student Intern in EHD.

Toua Yang was hired as an ES II in EHD.

NOVEMBER 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		November 2007	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	855	3,329
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	78	348
	C. Red – Closed	10	58
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,129	4,656
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	18
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	2,281
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	46	87
5.	Liquid Waste	36	169
6.	Medical Waste	21	48
7.	Small Water Systems	4	19
8.	Wells	110	553
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	13	68
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	82	374
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	115	538
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	32	183
13.	Storm Water	100	546
14.	Waste Tire	55	244
15.	Tobacco Retailer	73	190
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>156</u>	<u>512</u>
	Total	1,973	10,486
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	98	478
2.	Food Borne Illness	23	92
3.	Incident Response	42	244
4.	Storm Water	27	120
5.	Waste Tire	50	54
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
	Total	243	996
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	96	264
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	11	50
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>38</u>	<u>659</u>
	Total	145	973
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	391	2,243
2.	Monitoring Wells	22	224
3.	Food Facilities	102	479
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	29	145
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	18	90
6.	Land Use	3	76
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,613</u>	<u>8,015</u>
	Total	2,178	11,272
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,791	73,353
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>36</u>	<u>151</u>
	Total	12,827	73,504