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Welcome to the January 2008 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of December 2007. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.

Highlights

- *EMD Receives Award From California Stormwater Quality Association*
- *City Of Rancho Cordova Approves Plans For EMD Building Project*
- *EMD Holds Two-Day Visioning Workshop*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EMD Receives Award From CASQA

At the County Board of Supervisors meeting held on December 11, 2007, EMD was recognized as a statewide leader and presented an award from the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) for Outstanding Source Control/Programmatic Implementation for the Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

EMD Director Val Siebal hosted an All Staff Appreciation Luncheon that included a summary of key accomplishments for 2007 and a review of the recently held Visioning Workshop for staff that were unable to attend the Workshop.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

One "How To Get A Green" Workshop was conducted in English during the month of December with 10 attendees.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with ten businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in December with 63 participants representing 21 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Spanish; one class was conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Mandarin.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Illegal Food Vendors

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Kelly McCoy and ESs Ray Fontanilla and Jagjinder Sahota joined County Code Enforcement and Problem Oriented Police Officers in conducting a sweep for illegal vendors selling food. Three food carts were impounded during the sweep.

Data Exchange

Senior IT Analyst John Stender met with an Analyst from the Department of Revenue Recovery (DRR) to discuss a potential exchange of data with the Countywide SMART Team.

California Food Supply

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers participated in a meeting with the State Departments of Homeland Security, Food and Agriculture, and Food and Drug concerning the security and defense of the State's food supply.

Information Technology (IT) Support

IT staff provided support for forty meetings during the month of December.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy represented the Department at a meeting of BAFTAC at which retail food industry issues were discussed.

IT Shares Information With San Mateo County

Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams provided an overview of EMD's document imaging system to representatives from San Mateo County.

Bay Area Swimming Pool Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza represented EMD at a meeting of the Pool Committee to discuss recreational health issues.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Visioning Workshop

EMD Director Val Siebal, with facilitation from the CSUS Center for Collaborative Policy, hosted a two-day Visioning Workshop to identify future trends that could affect the Department. Representatives from the industry, the Sacramento Environmental Commission, the County Executives' Office, and EMD participated in the Workshop. A Five-Year Strategic Plan will be developed as a result of the Workshop.

EMD Building Project

The City of Rancho Cordova approved the plans for the new building that will be leased by EMD in early 2009. EMD has formed several committees in preparation for the building's completion and the Department's move to the new facility.

Administrative Hearing

EHD held an Administrative Hearing for a food facility with continued non-compliance issues. EHD Chief John Rogers served as the Hearing Officer and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ES Sara Vining presented testimony on non-compliance issues.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGCenters for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention

Captain Richard Collins from the CDC Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Response (OTPER) presented information to staff from EHD, Hazardous Materials Division (HMD), and Water Protection Division (WPD) on the genesis, roles, responsibilities and recent activities of the OTPER.

Emergency Operations Training

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Mark Barcellos, and ES Dennis Catanyag attended Emergency Operations Training held at the Sacramento County Emergency Operations Center.

PERSONNELPromotions

Victoria Krohn was promoted to an ECT II in HMD.
Janet Martin was promoted to an ES I in EHD.
Matthew Mulcahy was promoted to an ES II in HMD.
Justin Ross was promoted to an ECT II in HMD.

New Employees

Rebecca Bahr was hired as an ES I in HMD.
Elena Drobenyuk was hired as a Senior Student Intern in EHD.
Shirley Fong was hired as an ES I in EHD.
John Moehring was hired as an Administrative Services Officer II.
Brian Ogg was hired as an ES I in HMD.
Joseph Terefe was hired as an ES I in EHD.

DECEMBER 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		December 2007	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	795	4,124
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	80	428
	C. Red – Closed	8	66
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,081	5,737
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	18
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	2,282
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	49	136
5.	Liquid Waste	52	221
6.	Medical Waste	19	67
7.	Small Water Systems	1	20
8.	Wells	54	607
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	11	79
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	49	423
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	75	613
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	46	229
13.	Storm Water	92	638
14.	Waste Tire	39	283
15.	Tobacco Retailer	56	246
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>146</u>	<u>658</u>
	Total	1,771	12,257
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	74	552
2.	Food Borne Illness	15	107
3.	Incident Response	64	308
4.	Storm Water	16	136
5.	Waste Tire	3	57
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
	Total	172	1,168
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	63	327
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	10	60
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>10</u>	<u>669</u>
	Total	83	1,056
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	316	2,559
2.	Monitoring Wells	44	268
3.	Food Facilities	110	589
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	29	174
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	8	98
6.	Land Use	1	77
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,249</u>	<u>9,264</u>
	Total	1,757	13,029
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,797	83,150
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>15</u>	<u>166</u>
	Total	9,812	83,316