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

Highlights

- *EMD Director Presents Program Information To Leadership Officials From City of Rancho Cordova*
- *EMD Staff Participates In Disaster Preparedness Training*
- *EMD Director And Water Protection Division Chief Meets With Countywide Sanitation District*

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Roger Dickinson, 1st District
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Val F. Siebal, Director
Environmental Management
Department

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Westland Meat Recall

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers and Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Kelly McCoy conducted an interview with a local radio station regarding the Westland Meat Recall. Several schools and markets had received recalled shipments.

Mobile Food Vendors

EHD Chief John Rogers and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy were interviewed by *The Sacramento Bee* newspaper regarding the new City of Sacramento Mobile Food Truck Ordinance.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

“How To Get A Green” Retail Food Workshops

Two “How To Get A Green” Workshops were conducted in English during the month of February with 70 attendees.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP Workshops were held during February with nine businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in February with 43 participants representing 14 facilities. One class was conducted in English; one class was conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Spanish.

Constituent Meetings

EMD Director Val Siebal presented information on EMD programs to constituents in attendance at breakfast meetings presented by County Supervisor Roger Dickinson. (EHD Chief John Rogers shared information at select breakfast meetings.)

City Of Rancho Cordova

EMD Director Val Siebal presented information to City leadership relative to EMD programs and how they protect the citizens of the City of Rancho Cordova. EMD received compliments from City elected officials regarding several Department programs.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Food And Farm Safety

EHD Chief John Rogers attended a meeting of a statewide committee that is addressing food and farm safety. The committee was organized by the State Office of Homeland Security and includes representatives from the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), Sacramento County Agricultural Commission, Federal Bureau of Investigation, California Department of Public Health—Food and Drug Division, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and EMD.

Sewage And Onsite Systems

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage provided an informational presentation before the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority on EMD's proposed code update for sewage and onsite systems.

EMD Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ESs Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz, and ES Sonia Lee participated in the monthly meeting of retail food industry representatives to discuss technical and food program issues.

California Retail Food Safety Coalition (CRFSC)

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy attended a meeting of CRFSC and discussed proposed legislation to amend the Cal Code.

Countywide Sanitation District

EMD Director Val Siebal and WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with the leadership team of the Countywide Sanitation District to discuss mutual goals and EMD's proposal to seek delegation for reclaimed water from the California Department of Public Health.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy attended the BAFTAC meeting at which California Retail Food Code (CalCode) issues were discussed.

California Department Of Public Health

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Robert Schlagg, newly appointed Assistant Deputy Director for the Center for Environmental Health of the California Department of Public Health, to discuss local health priorities.

Sacramento City Council Mobile Food Facility Ordinance

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy attended a meeting of the Sacramento City Council wherein the new City Mobile Food Truck Ordinance—which requires trucks to move every thirty (30) minutes—was discussed.

Waste Management And Recycling

EMD Director Val Siebal met with Paul Philleo, Acting Director, Department of Waste Management and Recycling to discuss areas of mutual program interest and general staff cooperation.

311 Information System

Information Technology (IT) Manager Geoff Marsh participated in the Request for Proposal evaluation sessions for the proposed Countywide 3-1-1 Information System. Vendor demonstrations are scheduled for March, with contract award to follow.

Bay Area Swimming Pool Committee

EHD Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza attended a meeting of the Bay Area Swimming Pool Technical Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH). The Federal Pool Act and suction fittings were discussed at the meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Director Meets With Program Supervisors

EMD Director Val Siebal concluded individual meetings with EMD Program Supervisors wherein he expressed appreciation for their excellent work and dedication.

Illegal Food Vendors

Supervising ESs Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz joined Sacramento County Code Enforcement and Problem Oriented Police Officers in conducting a sweep for illegal vendors selling food in the Florin Mall area. Three food carts were impounded during the sweep.

Envision Connect

EMD's IT Team continues to test, plan, discuss and troubleshoot Envision Connect in anticipation of implementation in mid April 2008.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

10th Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

Several HMD staff members presented information at the CUPA Conference. ESs Amanda Hakim and Lisa Perez presented information on the Department's model Hazardous Materials Business Plan Program and on a case study relating to the successful execution of a Hazardous Materials Plan enforcement case; ES Jonathan Pollack shared information on the Underground Storage Tank removal process; ES Dennis Karidis joined California Environmental Protection Agency staff in providing guidance on inspection and enforcement.; and HMD Chief Dennis Green and Program Manager Elise Rothschild presented information on various enforcement-related topics. Over 900 attendees participated in the 2008 CUPA Conference.

California Water Environment Association Conference

ES John Lewis provided a presentation on EMD's Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Program at the California Water Environment Association's Annual Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention and Stormwater Conference.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

10th Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

The following staff members received training at the 10th Annual CUPA Conference: Supervising ESs Anthony Chu, Chris Pace, and Marie Woodin; ESs Ryan Artz, Rebecca Bahr, Michelle Blair, Derek Jacks, Matthew Mulcahy, and Doug Osborn; and Environmental Compliance Technicians (ECTs) Justin Ross and Eric Sutton.

Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) Training

ESs Tram Doan, Steve Moua and Amy Roth are participating in the Department's REHS Training Program.

Inter-Agency Coordination Training

The following members of the EMD Incident Response Team attended an inter-agency coordination training session on Emergency Operations Center responder roles and responsibilities: HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild and ESs Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Sophia Jellá, Doug Osborn, and Kevin Smith.

California Water Environment Association Conference

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth, and ESs Sean Daneluk, Lea Gibson, and John Lewis attended the California Water Environment Association's Annual Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention and Stormwater Conference.

CDC Environmental Health Disaster Preparedness Training

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild, Supervising ES Mark Barcellos, and ES Dennis Catanyag attended a three-day workshop on disaster preparedness for environmental health professionals presented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Environmental Health Association. Representatives from several other Western States were in attendance. The California Department of Public Health and EMD hosted the training.

Microsoft Training

Senior Information Technology (IT) Analysts John Stender and Jim Guilliams and IT Analyst Robert Milano attended a three-day training class for Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Reporting Services that will be used extensively with Envision Connect.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Joseph Terefe was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

New Employees

Olivia Arnold was hired as an ES II in EHD.

Tram Doan was hired as an ES I in EHD.

William Frost was hired as an ES II in EHD.

Steve Moua was hired as an ES I in EHD.

Amy Roth was hired as an ES I in EHD.

FEBRUARY 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

		February 2008	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	761	5,789
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	104	662
	C. Red – Closed	9	84
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,189	8,327
2.	Farm Labor Camps	4	23
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	2,283
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	15	167
5.	Liquid Waste	11	262
6.	Medical Waste	4	77
7.	Small Water Systems	1	21
8.	Wells	72	768
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	17	108
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	64	557
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	86	783
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	20	295
13.	Storm Water	72	816
14.	Waste Tire	42	374
15.	Tobacco Retailer	8	300
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>98</u>	<u>928</u>
	Total	1,703	16,089
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	53	696
2.	Food Borne Illness	18	153
3.	Incident Response	50	395
4.	Storm Water	20	181
5.	Waste Tire	0	57
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>
	Total	143	1,493
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	43	473
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	9	74
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>70</u>	<u>798</u>
	Total	122	1,345
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	365	
2.	Monitoring Wells	41	348
3.	Food Facilities	101	802
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	20	223
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	13	131
6.	Land Use	0	77
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,251</u>	<u>11,847</u>
	Total	1,791	16,803
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,830	103,459
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>31</u>	<u>221</u>
	Total	10,861	103,680