



8475 Jackson Road, Suite 200 • Sacramento, CA 95826 • (916) 875-8444 • FAX (916) 875-8588

May 2008

Volume 7, Number 5

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

Highlights

- *EMD To Receive Samuel J. Crumbine Award*
- *Hazardous Material Division Participates In Earth Day Celebration*
- *EMD Shares Information On Lead Poisoning Prevention During National County Government Week*
- *Input Solicited For Revisions To County Sewage Ordinance*

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Roger Dickinson, 1st District
Jimmie Yee, 2nd District
Susan Peters, 3rd District
Roberta MacGlashan, 4th District
Don Nottoli, 5th District

Terry Schutten, County Executive

Penelope Clarke, Administrator
Countywide Services Agency

Val F. Siebal, Director
Environmental Management
Department

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EMD To Receive Samuel J. Crumbine Award

EMD Director Val Siebal was recently notified that the Department has won the 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award. This national Award is presented annually to a local environmental health jurisdiction that has demonstrated excellence and continual improvement in a comprehensive food protection program. There were six competitors for this year's Award. EMD will receive the Award at the Annual Conference of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) to be held in June.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

EMD Director Val Siebal led the EMD celebration in recognition of Administrative Professional's Day.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

Three "How To Get A Green" Workshops were conducted during the month of April with 40 attendees. Two workshops were conducted in English and one workshop was conducted in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with twelve businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in April with 60 participants representing 23 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Spanish.

CEQA Environmental Impact Report

The Hazardous Material Division (HMD) held a public hearing on the adoption of the Negative Declaration of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report for the Florin-Perkins Transfer Station. Approximately twenty-five individuals attended the hearing.

Earth Day Celebration

ESs Robert Duncan, Dennis Karidis and Douglas Osborn represented EMD at an Earth Day event held at California State University at Sacramento. Participants received information on various EMD activities including environmental emergency response and hazardous materials/waste management.

National County Government Week

ES Debbie Katz shared information on lead poisoning prevention at the National County Government Week, County Children's Services Resource Fair held in the lobby of the Board of Supervisors Chambers. EMD received a copy of the Board Resolution in support of the event—"Protecting Our Children".

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

California Restaurant Association

EMD Director Val Siebal met with the Chief Deputy of the California Restaurant Association to discuss a continued alliance regarding the Department's Food Safety Program.

Sanitary Sewage Overflows On Private Property

Water Protection Division (WPD) Program Manager Dana Booth, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Eric Haupt met with representatives from the Sacramento Area Sewer District and the County Departments of Water Resources and Code Enforcement relative to a shared response to Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) on private property.

California Conference Of Directors Of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in a CCDEH meeting to discuss legislation and working relationships with various State departments.

Conference for Food Protection

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy attended the Conference for Food Protection. The Conference brings together representatives from the food industry, government, academia, and consumer organizations to identify and address emerging problems of food safety and to formulate recommendations.

County Sewage Ordinance

EMD Director Val Siebal and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with a local industry representative to discuss issues relating to the portable toilet industry and to solicit input for revisions to the County Sewage Ordinance.

Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the April meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) EMD Director and SEC Chair Meets with City of Rancho Cordova; (2) EMD Representatives Meet with Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee to Review and Comment on a Draft of the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Ordinance; and (3) EMD Food Industry Working Group Meets to Discuss Technical and Food Program Issues.

Bay Area Swimming Pool Committee Technical Advisory Committee (BASPTAC)

EHD Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza attended a meeting of the BASPTAC of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH). Pending legislation related to recreational health was discussed at the meeting.

Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee

WPD staff met with members of the Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee to draft revisions to the Onsite Wastewater Ordinance.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

EHD Supervising ES Kelly McCoy participated in a meeting of BAFTAC at which food safety issues were discussed.

Sacramento Area Sewer District

WPD Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage provided staff support to the Sacramento Area Sewer District at a meeting of Board of Supervisors regarding the allowance of septic repairs when a property could be served by the public sewer.

Fish Forum

EHD Supervising ES Mark Barcellos participated in a Local Stakeholders Advisory Group (LSAG) Fish Mercury meeting to discuss the upcoming Northern Delta and Sacramento River Advisory related to fish consumption.

SPECIAL PROJECTSClimate Change

EMD Director Val Siebal invited Professor Cort Anastasio from the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources, University of California at Davis, to conduct a presentation on Climate Change to as many EMD staff as could be seated in the Department's Training Room.

Illegal Food Vendors

Supervising ESs Jeff Czapla and Kelly McCoy and ESs Judy Andrade, Jan Bradshaw, Mandip Singh, Rupinder Singh, Kari Wagner and David Wong joined Sacramento County Code Enforcement in conducting a joint sweep of illegal food vendors in the County.

EnvisionConnect

EMD's IT Team continued to test, debug, document, install, train, develop, research and discuss EnvisionConnect in anticipation of implementation in mid May 2008.

Health Impact Of Climate Change

EMD Director Val Siebal joined representatives from the County Departments of Human Assistance and Health and Human Services and the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District to begin planning for potential health impact mitigation and adaptation measures brought on by climate change. A draft plan for Sacramento County will be forwarded to the County Executive for review.

Waste Tire Program

The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) completed its triennial audit of EMD's Waste Tire Program. The audit focused on all aspects of the Waste Tire Grant; audit findings are expected to be received within 30 days.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Certified Pool Operators Training

ESs Olivia Arnold, Jane Auyeung, Jan Bradshaw, Tram Doan, Shirley Fong, William Frost, Laura Henry, Debbie Katz, Renee Manwaring, Steve Moua, Amy Roth, Aida Rubio, Rupinder Singh, Joseph Terefe, and Toua Yang attended a two-day Certified Pool Operators training session and received certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation.

Environmental Enforcement

HMD Chief Dennis Green and ESs Sophia Jellá and Matthew Mulcahy attended environmental enforcement training sponsored by the Western State Project. Representatives from environmental and regulatory enforcement agencies from various Western States presented information.

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSA) conducted training for all EHD field staff on a new FOG Program. The Program is designed to provide businesses and homeowners with tools to prevent sewage backups. EHD staff will provide educational material and training to food facilities that are routinely inspected.

California Environmental Quality Act

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth attended an "Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act" training course presented by the Northwest Environmental Training Center.

In-House Pool Training

EHD's Consumer Protection Pool Team (Supervising ESs Jeff Czapla and Colleen Maitoza, and ESs Rashmi Nair, Manroop Shergill, Mandip Singh and Mary Taylor) conducted in-house pool training for EHD field staff. Training was held at the Foundation for Pool & Spa Industry Education's state of the art training facility. The Pool Team also provided training for local commercial pool service companies to assist them in meeting pool code requirements.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Michelle Blair was promoted to an ES II in HMD.
Victoria Krohn was promoted to an ES I in HMD.
Sharon Merker was promoted to an ES II in HMD.
Justin Ross was promoted to an ES I in HMD.
Eric Sutton was promoted to an ES I in HMD.

New Employee

Ryan Danel was hired as a Senior Office Assistant in HMD.

APRIL 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

		April 2008	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,290	8,084
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	118	868
	C. Red – Closed	5	97
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,697	11,464
2.	Farm Labor Camps	3	31
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	4	2,289
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	23	216
5.	Liquid Waste	13	304
6.	Medical Waste	1	78
7.	Small Water Systems	2	31
8.	Wells	121	982
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	24	153
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	127	781
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	152	1,071
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	41	355
13.	Storm Water	139	1,080
14.	Waste Tire	25	409
15.	Tobacco Retailer	14	331
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>268</u>	<u>1,381</u>
	Total	2,654	20,956
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	95	865
2.	Food Borne Illness	24	190
3.	Incident Response	48	499
4.	Storm Water	42	249
5.	Waste Tire	0	57
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>
	Total	212	1,876
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	60	609
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	12	94
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>40</u>	<u>846</u>
	Total	112	1,549
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	553	4,441
2.	Monitoring Wells	52	442
3.	Food Facilities	108	1,041
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	23	264
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	31	185
6.	Land Use	2	79
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,894</u>	<u>15,492</u>
	Total	2,663	21,944
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	11,685	127,779
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>25</u>	<u>278</u>
	Total	11,710	128,057