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

### **Highlights**

- *EMD Receives 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award From National Association of County & City Health Officers*
- *Water Protection Chief To Coordinate County's Sustainability/Climate Change Program*
- *Director Provides Information At Orangevale, Fair Oaks and Gold River Community Meeting*
- *EHD Joins Code Enforcement In Sweep Of Illegal Food Vendors*
- *EMD Provides Information On Business Recycling Ordinance At Sustainability Workshop*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Environmental Management  
Department

### NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### National Association of County & City Health Officers (NACCHO)

EMD Director Val Siebal accepted the 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award on behalf of EMD's Food Safety Program at the National Association of County & City Health Officers Annual Conference.

#### County Sustainability/Climate Change Program

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen announced that she has accepted a promotion and will become the Program Coordinator for the County's Sustainability/Climate Change Program effective October 14.

### COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

#### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshop were held with six businesses in attendance.

#### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Eleven FSE classes were conducted in September with 119 participants representing 51 facilities. Four classes were conducted in English; four classes were conducted in Cantonese; and three classes were conducted in Spanish.

### Orangevale, Fair Oaks and Gold River Community Meeting

EMD Director Val Siebal provided information on Departmental programs and answered questions from the audience at the Orangevale, Fair Oaks and Gold River Community Meeting. EMD was recognized for its Green/Yellow/Red Placarding Program by County Executive Terry Schutten during his opening remarks.

### ASTHO-NACCHO Conference

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz, and ESs Sara Vining and Kari Wagner hosted an EHD Exhibit Booth at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials-National Association of County and City Health Officers (ASTHO-NACCHO) Conference to promote the EMD Food Placarding Program.

### City Of Rancho Cordova Code Enforcement

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and ES Amy Roth provided information on the Department's role in Code Enforcement, including nuisance issues, at a meeting of the City of Rancho Cordova Code Enforcement

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

### Information Technology (IT)

IT Manager Geoff Marsh extracted and analyzed data in preparation for the Food Safety "Awards of Excellence" presentation to retail food facilities exhibiting exemplary food safety practices.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Executive Secretary Sarah Cowl provided staff support to the September meeting of the SEC. Robert Bailey replaced outgoing member Krista Clark as the Commission Chair and Marjorie Namba was appointed Chair for the 2008 Environmental Excellence Awards. Director Siebal discussed EMD's strategic plan; EHD Chief John Rogers presented information on Menu Labeling and Transfats in Restaurants; and Andrew Hughan from the California Integrated Waste Management Board provided an update on the status of State Sharps legislation. The Commission approved drafting a letter encouraging local pharmacies to provide sharps disposal for their customers.

### Sacramento Area Water Works

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, ES Chris Hunley and Office Assistant Shelly Emery participated in the quarterly meeting of the Sacramento Area Water Works to discuss ongoing issues such as access to the EMD database of cross connection devices.

### Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild attended a meeting of the Bay Area Region CUPA Forum to coordinate hazardous materials issues within the region.

### Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, ESs Jack Bellan and Eric Haupt, and Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Lisa Christy participated in two meetings of the Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee to draft a new Sacramento County Onsite Wastewater Manual.

### EnvisionConnect Software

Information Technology staff performed ongoing maintenance, developed and tested EnvisionConnect Reports and also created a work flow process to manage the Departmental billing process.

### Sutter Land Park

ES Mary Ellen Oetzel attended a planning meeting regarding Sutter Land Park which will be located in the City of Sacramento. EMD is involved in the planning process because the Park area is the site of a closed landfill.

### California Groundwater Association

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, and ESs Cheryl Hawkins, David Von Aspern and Susan Williams attended a meeting of the California Groundwater Association to share information and seek input on specific well construction techniques.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy represented EMD at a meeting of BAFTAC and discussed retail food industry issues.

Proposed Transfer Station

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ES Sharon Zimmerman attended a planning meeting regarding a proposed transfer station to be located in Elk Grove.

Filenet Document Archive System

IT Manager Geoff Marsh and Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams previewed the new version of the Filenet document archive system (Filenet P8). The Department will be upgrading to Filenet P8 at a later date.

SPECIAL PROJECTSIllegal Food Vendors

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs Mandip Singh, Kari Wagner and Dave Wong joined Sacramento County Code Enforcement in conducting a joint sweep of illegal food vendors in the County. Food from four unpermitted mobile food facilities was confiscated.

Well Permits

EMD has completed the process of imaging old well permits. Well Permit records are now obtained by searching EMD's database.

Florin Perkins Landfill

The remediation of the former Florin Perkins Landfill has been completed. The site has been a major compliance problem and the completion of the removal of waste materials marks a major victory for the surrounding community. ES Sharon Zimmerman has been providing regulatory oversight for the cleanup effort.

Consumnes Landfill

The Consumnes Landfill closure is now complete and a final closure compliance notification has been issued. The closure of this landfill has been another long-term project and paves the way for future use of the site. ES Mary Ellen Oetzel has been providing regulatory oversight for the closure effort.

STAFF PRESENTATIONSCalifornia Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal made a presentation on the benefits of local coalitions during a panel discussion at the recently held 53<sup>rd</sup> CCDEH Annual Conference. Director Siebal provided a list of coalitions with which the Department regularly meets and shared the pros and cons of the relationships.

Business Recycling Ordinance

ESs Victoria Krohn, Sharon Merker and Eric Sutton provided information on the recently enacted Business Recycling Ordinance at the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) Sustainability Workshop.

UST Vapor Recovery And Diagnostic Equipment

Supervising ES Chris Pace conducted a training workshop on underground storage tank (UST) vapor recovery and diagnostic equipment. The training focused on permitting, design/plan review requirements and the inspection process. The workshop was intended to assist UST owners in navigating the complicated set of UST regulatory requirements and deadlines.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGCouncil To Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR)

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez attended the CIFOR Conference to develop and share guidelines, processes and products that will facilitate a good response to a foodborne outbreak.

#### Treatment Of Cyanide-Containing Waste

ESs Christine Abad and Ryan Artz attended a training course regarding new regulations on the treatment of cyanide-containing waste presented by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

#### EnvisionConnect User Conference

Supervising ES Marie Woodin; ESs Amanda Hakim, Cheryl Hawkins, Sharon Merker, Rashmi Nair, Justin Ross and Sara Vining; Senior Office Specialists Lisa Christy and Kristin Ledbetter; Accountant Gideon Feineh; Senior Information Technology Analyst Jim Williams and Information Technology Analyst Rob Milano participated in an EnvisionConnect User Conference. The Conference provided a forum for users to learn and explore new features and capabilities of EnvisionConnect which serves as the main management system for all of EMD's data needs.

#### California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez participated in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual CCDEH Conference.

#### Continuing Challenge Conference

ESs Christine Abad, Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Sophia Jellá, Dennis Karidis, Doug Osborn, Kevin Smith, David Steele, Heather Tanner and Jeni VanDusen attended the Continuing Challenge Conference, an annual hazardous materials conference. The Conference has gained broad attendance from regulators, emergency responders and consultants and provides a wide range of training from hazard awareness and chemical best management practices to emergency response and disaster coordination.

#### National Sanitation Foundation (NSF)

ESs Rashmi Nair, Rupinder Singh and Jason Smalley attended a two-day NSF training workshop to gain knowledge on food facility plan checks.

#### Underground Storage Tank (UST) Compliance

ES Brion McGinness attended a training session on Basic UST Inspector Compliance presented by the State Water Resources Control Board.

### PERSONNEL

#### New Employee

Mario Martin was hired as an Information Technology Technician I in IT.

#### Promotions

Craig Dorrrough was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

**SEPTEMBER 2008 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>September 2008</b>	<b>To Date FY 2008-09</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,448	3,132
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	99	196
	C. Red – Closed	17	79
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,807	4,181
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	24
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	9	1,888
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	19	49
5.	Liquid Waste	14	62
6.	Medical Waste	3	16
7.	Small Water Systems	3	10
8.	Wells	101	291
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	23	70
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	102	331
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	159	558
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	57	148
13.	Storm Water	351	816
14.	Waste Tire	0	0
15.	Tobacco Retailer	66	113
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>186</u>	<u>606</u>
	Total	2,900	9,163
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	65	207
2.	Food Borne Illness	7	53
3.	Incident Response	42	162
4.	Storm Water	21	73
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
	Total	135	500
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	119	248
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	6	20
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>11</u>	<u>191</u>
	Total	136	459
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	414	1,435
2.	Monitoring Wells	27	94
3.	Food Facilities	87	313
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	49	124
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	16	39
6.	Land Use	1	4
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,402</u>	<u>4,603</u>
	Total	1,996	6,612
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,297	38,351
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>18</u>	<u>61</u>
	Total	12,315	38,412