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Welcome to the January 2009 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of December 2008. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.

Highlights

- *County Board of Supervisors Recognize EMD Director And Stormwater Program Members Upon Receiving 2008 EPA Award*
- *Hazardous Materials Division And Water Protection Division Merge*
- *EMD Director and EHD Staff Host Food Industry Work Group*

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Environmental Management
Department

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2008 EPA Award

Director Val Siebal and members of EMD's Stormwater Program—Previous Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen and Environmental Specialists (ESs) Ken Ballard, Tiffany Beaudry, Sean Daneluk, Lea Gibson and John Lewis—were presented with the 2008 National United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water Act (CWA) Recognition Award for Stormwater Excellence at a meeting Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Members of the Board expressed their appreciation to the Program for its innovative and successful approach to stormwater excellence and for gaining national attention.

EMD All Staff Meeting

EMD held an End of Calendar Year All Staff Meeting during which executive staff members reviewed the many accomplishments achieved during 2008 and noted changes, challenges and opportunities which the Department will face in the coming year. Each EMD Division shared information on one of its programs which provided staff with a glimpse of the vast and diverse regulatory functions that EMD staff perform.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with eight businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in December with 65 participants representing 22 facilities. Two classes were conducted in Spanish; one class was conducted in English; one class was conducted in Cantonese; one class was conducted in Punjabi; and one class was conducted in Vietnamese.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

HMD/WPD To Merge

EMD Director Val Siebal announced that EMD's Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) and Water Protection Division (WPD) will merge effective January 2009 in order to provide greater stability and management. Work review and renaming of the merged Division will be incorporated into the planned May/June move of EMD to its new facility and printing of forms and stationery.

Sacramento County Economic Development Department

WPD Program Manager Dana Booth accepted a two-year Executive Appointment to work with the Sacramento County Economic Development Department regarding privatized remediation at McClellan Business Park.

Public Health Preparedness

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos participated in the monthly Public Health Preparedness and Response Program Staff Meeting chaired by Public Health Officer Glennah Trochet. Items discussed at the meeting included training coordination, exercises and budget items related to bioterrorism.

CCDEH Recreational Health Advisory Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza attended a meeting of the CCDEH (California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health) Recreational Health Northern Technical Advisory Committee. Pentair Pool Systems and Aquastar representatives, manufacturers of suction vacuum release systems and anti-entrapment covers, presented information on their products and on the Virginia Graeme Baker Federal Pool & Spa Safety Act.

Proposed State Law

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza participated in a conference call with representatives from the State Department of Public Health and with Recreational Health Specialists from Northern and Southern California Counties to discuss proposed language for a new State law relating to anti-entrapment covers and suction vacuum release systems.

EMD Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Roger, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz, and ESs Sonia Lee and Jannine Talusik hosted an appreciation meeting for members of the Food Industry Working Group. The Group is composed of representatives from the California Restaurant Association who provide valuable volunteer input to the EHD Consumer Protection Program.

CDC Technical Committee on Operator Training

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza participated in a conference call of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) Technical Committee on Operator Training to discuss the Model Aquatic Health Code. Representatives from industry, academia, and state and local health departments are represented on the CDC Technical Committee.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Food Inspections

Two aides from Board of Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan's office accompanied ESs Sonia Lee and Kari Wagner on Food Facility Inspections.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

County Leadership Academy

Sandra Leahy, Administrative Services Officer III, completed the course for the 4th session of the County's Leadership Academy. The Academy is designed to provide highly qualified managers with the skills and resources to pursue leadership position within the County. The Academy strives to provide participants with a broad perspective of County operations, develop leadership strengths, and establish a qualified pool of candidates for leadership advancement. Sandra also presented the Team #2 project "Marketing Sacramento County Jobs" at the December 16, 2009 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

FDA Temporary Food Facility Training

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ES Rupinder Singh attended Temporary Food Facility Training presented by the FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration).

Childhood Lead Prevention

ESs Debbie Katz and Sonia Lee attended training presented by the County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health regarding the use of EMDs new aNiton XRF Analyzer.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

EHD Chief John Rogers presented information on EMD's Green/Yellow/Red Placarding Program at the 114th Annual Meeting of CSAC held in San Diego (CA).

PERSONNEL

New Employee

Trena Burt was hired as an Senior Office Assistant in EHD.

Promotions

Daniel Abellon was promoted to an Environmental Compliance Technician II in HMD.
Rebecca Knoche was promoted to an Environmental Specialist II in HMD.

DECEMBER 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

		December 2008	To Date FY 2008-09
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,221	6,432
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	74	428
	C. Red – Closed	12	120
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,480	8,315
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	26
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	1,900
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	42	132
5.	Liquid Waste	23	114
6.	Medical Waste	24	52
7.	Small Water Systems	0	12
8.	Wells	43	476
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	27	138
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	86	580
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	129	941
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	60	288
13.	Storm Water	459	1,769
14.	Waste Tire	55	164
15.	Tobacco Retailer	82	323
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>164</u>	<u>1,116</u>
	Total	2,674	16,346
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	62	380
2.	Food Borne Illness	4	79
3.	Incident Response	45	292
4.	Storm Water	20	146
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>
	Total	133	911
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	65	499
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	8	39
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
	Total	73	738
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	315	2,472
2.	Monitoring Wells	38	186
3.	Food Facilities	73	579
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	82	250
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	25	109
6.	Land Use	1	10
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,557</u>	<u>9,064</u>
	Total	2,091	12,670
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,226	75,854
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>20</u>	<u>111</u>
	Total	12,246	75,965