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

Highlights

- *County Counsel Representative Receives CUPA Award*
- *Emergency Preparedness Presentation*
- *EMD Receives Recognition At CUPA Conference*
- *NEHA Epi-Ready Training Comes To Sacramento*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

County Counsel Representative Receives CUPA Award

John Reed, EMD's Sacramento County Counsel representative, received the prestigious "Environmental Leadership Award" at the recently held annual meeting of the California Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). John was recognized for his leadership and contributions in advancing the overall quality of the CUPA programs and for his work on behalf of EMD's CUPA enforcement program. John has been an integral member of EMD's Enforcement Team and has worked diligently in developing and improving case documents that have become the model for other CUPAs statewide. John has successfully represented EMD at many enforcement negotiation meetings and hearings. EMD congratulates John on receiving this statewide Leadership Award!

EMD Receives Recognition At CUPA Annual Conference

EMD, serving as the Sacramento County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), was recognized by the California CUPA Forum Board for our outstanding implementation of Unified Programs.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with four businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Ten FSE classes were conducted in January with 95 participants representing 29 facilities. Five classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Spanish; two classes were conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Vietnamese.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

State Water Resources Control Board

EMD Director Val Siebal and Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Chief Dennis Green met with Supervisor Nottoli to brief and receive input on correspondence to be directed to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding proposed septic tank regulations. Costs and overly prescriptive regulations brought this item to the attention of the County Board of Supervisors.

California Conference Of Local Health Officers (CCLHO)

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers attended a joint meeting of the Chronic Disease Control and Environmental Health Committees of the CCLHO to discuss Public Health and Climate Change.

Illegal Food Vendors In Sacramento County

EHD Chief John Rogers, Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ES Sara Vining attended a meeting to discuss illegal food vendors in Sacramento County. Other attendees included representatives from County Code Enforcement, the County Sheriff's Office and Neighborhood Services.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

EMD Computer Tablets

Information Technology staff continued working with the Tablet Test Group which has been expanded to include additional Environmental Specialists from the EHD. Approval has been received and the computer tablets have been ordered.

Emergency Preparedness Presentation

EMD Director Val Siebal invited Gerri Silva, Director, Environmental Management Department, County of El Dorado, to speak to EMD executive staff regarding emergency preparedness and lessons learned from the Angora Fire which occurred southwest of Lake Tahoe. Many of the lessons learned by the County of El Dorado will be incorporated into the EMD Emergency Preparedness Plan which is currently being developed.

Vessels Ordinance

EMD Director Val Siebal addressed the County Board of Supervisors regarding EMD requirements contained in a new Vessels Ordinance proposed by the Marine Division of the County Sheriff's Office. The Ordinance moved forward, with amendments, as a consent item on the Board of Supervisors February Meeting Calendar.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

NEHA Epi-Ready Training Comes To Sacramento

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez assisted in bringing the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Epi-Ready Training Team to Sacramento to provide a two-day training course on how to conduct foodborne illness investigations. Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Jeff Czaplá, Colleen Maitoza and Kelly McCoy, and ESs Judy Andrade, Dennis Catanyag, Bo Faustino, Ray Fontanilla, Rashmi Nair, and Amy Roth attended the training. Environmental and Public Health staff from other counties also participated in the training.

11th Annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference

Environmental Compliance Division Managers, Supervisors and various technical staff attended the Annual CUPA Conference which promoted the theme "The Next Generation". The Conference focused on the need to train, retrain and recruit a new generation of environmental specialists to deal with a new set of environmental challenges from reformulated fuel and urgent energy demand to climate change and the greening of products. How regulations will need to adapt to this changing paradigm in the next generation of environmental management was one impetus behind the many courses offered at the Conference. EMD conference attendees participated in eight tracks of training and policy discussion relating to hazardous materials and waste management, underground storage tanks, enforcement and contaminated site clean up.

Effective Communication For Environmental Health Professionals

EHD staff received personalized training on Effective Communication for EH Professionals presented by Dr. David Dyjack, Dean of Public Health, Loma Linda University.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Southwestern Food Safety Seminar

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez was a guest speaker at a Southwestern Food Safety Seminar and conducted a presentation on EMD's 2008 Samuel J. Crumrine Consumer Protection Award for food safety.

How To Survive A Health Inspection

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy conducted training on "How To Survive A Health Inspection" for food services employees of the Elk Grove Unified School District.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Barry Marcus was promoted to a Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES IV) in the Environmental Compliance Division.

JANUARY 2009 BY THE NUMBERS

		January 2009	To Date FY 2008-09
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,028	7,460
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	67	495
	C. Red – Closed	6	126
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,315	9,630
2.	Farm Labor Camps	6	32
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	1,900
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	20	152
5.	Liquid Waste	20	134
6.	Medical Waste	15	67
7.	Small Water Systems	7	19
8.	Wells	53	529
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	23	161
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	61	641
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	77	1,018
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	38	326
13.	Storm Water	152	1,921
14.	Waste Tire	66	230
15.	Tobacco Retailer	31	354
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>212</u>	<u>1,328</u>
	Total	2,096	18,442
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	65	445
2.	Food Borne Illness	17	96
3.	Incident Response	61	353
4.	Storm Water	18	164
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	0	14
	Total	161	1,072
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	95	594
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	4	43
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
	Total	99	837
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	487	2,959
2.	Monitoring Wells	29	215
3.	Food Facilities	70	649
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	59	309
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	27	136
6.	Land Use	3	13
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,423</u>	<u>10,487</u>
	Total	2,098	14,768
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,985	85,839
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>15</u>	<u>126</u>
	Total	10,000	85,965