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

### **Highlights**

- *Decision Rendered Regarding Florin-Perkins Transfer Processing Facility*
- *Director Meets With Various Groups Regarding Proposed Fees For 2009-10*
- *Business Recycling Program Staff To Be Trained In Field Usage Of Tablet Computers*
- *EMD Collaborates On Sweep of Illegal Mobile Food Vendor*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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### **NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **County Stars of Excellence**

Several Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) and Environmental Health Division (EHD) staff members were recognized at the Countywide Employee Recognition Program's 2009 Stars of Excellence Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to Supervising Environmental Specialists (ESs) Anthony Chu, Lisa Todd and Zarha Ruiz; Environmental Specialists (ESs) Dennis Karidis, Sonia Lee, Brion McGinness, Sharon Merker, Eric Sutton, Jannine Talusik, and Sharon Zimmerman; Senior Office Specialist Kristin Ledbetter; and Senior Office Assistants Jennifer Hermreck and Julian Mason.

#### **Florin-Perkins Transfer Processing Facility**

A Superior Court judge rendered a decision in the matter of the Power Inn Alliance v the County of Sacramento Environmental Management Department as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) denying the petitioner's writ of mandate and ruling in favor of the LEA issuance of a solid waste facility permit for the Florin-Perkins Transfer Processing Facility to Zanker Road Resource Management Corporation. The decision ends a yearlong appeal of the permit and CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) document.

### **COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH**

#### **Food Safety Education (FSE)**

Five FSE classes were conducted in May with 90 participants representing 18 facilities. Three classes were conducted in English; one class was conducted in Spanish; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with six businesses in attendance.

### Pool/Spa Training

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Pool Team members (Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Jeff Czapla, and Colleen Maitoza; and ESs Judinae Ablang, Rashmi Nair, Manroop Shergill, Mandip Singh, Jannine Talusik, Mary Taylor and Toua Yang) presented Swimming Pool/Spa Training to Pool Service Operators. More than 150 pool operators attended the training which focused on how to be in compliance with California Health and Safety Code regulations and new changes brought upon by the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Safety Act. An additional training class will be provided in June.

### 2009-10 EMD Fees

EMD Director Val Siebal met with representatives from the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the EMD Food Industry Working Group, and the Executive Office of the California Restaurant Association to discuss proposed fees for fiscal year 2009-10. Public comment was also received from the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC); which sent a letter of support to the County Board of Supervisors. Input was also received from the Pacific Culinary Committee.

### Building Tour

EMD Director Val Siebal and Administrative Services Officer III Sandra Leahy provided key county leasing agents with a building tour in order to promote sublease of available space at our current facility.

### State Scientist Day

ES Debbie Katz participated in State Scientist Day held at the State Capitol and provided lead information to children and families.

### Vacaville Landfill

ES Mary Ellen Oetzel toured the Hay Road Landfill located in Vacaville with the operator of a Sacramento County landfill as part of the process toward gaining approval for a new method for covering waste which consists of using construction and demolition waste as an alternative for covering daily waste.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

### Illegal Mobile Food Vendors

EHD Illegal Food Vendor Team members (Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs Ajay Sharma, Mandip Singh, Kari Wagner and Dave Wong) joined Sacramento County and City Code Enforcement Officers in conducting a countywide sweep which focused on non-permitted (illegal) mobile food vendors.

### Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

ECD Deputy Chief Elise Rothschild attended a meeting of the CUPA Forum Board to discuss and coordinate regulatory issues that arise from CUPAs from throughout the state.

### Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy participated in a meeting of the Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee to discuss California Retail Food Code issues with representatives from other Northern California counties.

### EMD Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ES Sonia Lee participated in the monthly meeting of the Food Industry Working Group. Technical and food program issues were discussed at the meeting.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support to the May meeting of the SEC. Commission members received information on the draft ordinance for above-ground tanks from Supervising ES Anthony Chu and on an ordinance revision to underground tanks presented by Supervising ES Barry Marcus—both items will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors in the near future. Members also received an update on the status of County superfund sites; an explanation of EMD's proposed fee increases; and a description of recommendations to be made by the County Facility, Planning, Architecture and Real Estate (FPARE) Department regarding utilization of Federal stimulus funds from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### EMD Art Committee

EMD Director Val Siebal met with members of the EMD Art Committee to discuss ideas for decorating the Department's new facility.

### EnvisionConnect/Tablet Computers

Information Technology (IT) staff set up a test lab for training and testing of new EnvisionConnect software versions prior to being released to EMD staff. IT staff also prepared tablet PCs on the test EnvisionConnect network in order to train ESs from other programs in the use of tablet computers to record and report inspection data. The Environmental Compliance Division Business Recycling Program will be the next program to be adapted for field usage of PC tablets.

### Multi-Family Recycling Ordinance

Information Technology Manager Geoff Marsh attended a kick-off meeting with members of the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) to discuss compilation of data for the next phase of the Environmental Compliance Division Business Recycling Program. A strategy was devised for collecting data and a rough timetable was formulated for implementation of the Multi-Family Recycling Ordinance.

## EMPLOYEE TRAINING

### Solid Waste Facility Training

ESs Lea Gibson and Victoria Krohn attended training on State Minimum Standards for Solid Waste Facilities provided by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

## STAFF PRESENTATIONS

### Gas Monitoring

ES Cheryl Hawkins conducted training for Local Enforcement Agency and EMD staff on standardization of landfill gas monitoring protocols.

## PERSONNEL

### Promotions

Elena Drobenyuk was promoted from a Senior Student Intern to an ES I in EHD.

**MAY 2009 BY THE NUMBERS**

	<b>May</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>To Date FY 2008-09</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,400	12,316
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	104	802
	C. Red – Closed	11	170
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,848	15,957
2.	Farm Labor Camps	6	48
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	15	1,919
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	12	212
5.	Liquid Waste	18	193
6.	Medical Waste	15	96
7.	Small Water Systems	2	28
8.	Wells	83	801
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	30	322
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	102	949
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	124	1,453
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	39	478
13.	Storm Water	148	2,536
14.	Waste Tire	78	499
15.	Tobacco Retailer	6	399
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>170</u>	<u>2,176</u>
	Total	2,696	28,066
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	65	666
2.	Food Borne Illness	20	190
3.	Incident Response	52	564
4.	Storm Water	23	235
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
	Total	160	1,670
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	90	1,002
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	6	76
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>211</u>
	Total	96	1,289
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	499	4,818
2.	Monitoring Wells	45	361
3.	Food Facilities	86	961
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	78	745
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	11	225
6.	Land Use	5	26
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,403</u>	<u>17,757</u>
	Total	2,127	24,893
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,411	125,805
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>22</u>	<u>200</u>
	Total	9,433	126,005