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

Highlights

- *EMD Issues 2008-09 "Awards of Excellence" For Food Safety*
- *EMD Director, EHD Chief, EHD Deputy Chief And EHD Supervising Environmental Specialist Attend 54th Annual California Conference Of Directors Of Environmental Health (CCDEH)*
- *ECD Deputy Chief and ECD Environmental Specialists Attend Continuing Challenge Conference*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Food Safety "Awards of Excellence"

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez and Environmental Specialist (ES) Jannine Talusik joined the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in presenting the 2008-09 "Awards of Excellence" to eight representative food facilities. An "Award of Excellence" was issued to more than 700 retail food facilities Countywide with exemplary inspection records for 2008-09. Recipients expressed praise to the Department for implementing the Green/Yellow/Red Placarding Program.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in September with 14 participants representing 8 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English and one class was conducted in Vietnamese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with eight businesses in attendance.

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

One "How To Get A Green" Workshop was conducted in English during the month of September with 12 attendees.

Certified Farmers Market

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and ES Judy Andrade hosted a booth at the Certified Farmers Market held at Caesar Chavez Park to promote Food Safety Education and H1N1 Flu awareness for food facilities.

Mather Field Campus

EMD Director Val Siebal continued to meet with executives of various businesses located on the Mather Field Campus. Director Siebal shared information on Department mandates and received information on Atlantic Aviation, a small commercial airline, and on auditing and special education to the disabled and prison inmates returning to civilian life provided by the Office of Education.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Feral Cat Issue

ES Anne Frey-Peters was invited to participate in a meeting with Sacramento City Councilmember Robert King Fong and City Code Enforcement staff regarding a feral cat issue and health concerns existing at a private residence.

Waste Tire Roundtable

HMD Division Chief Dennis Green, Supervising ES Marie Woodin and ES Michael Simpson participated in a Waste Tire Roundtable meeting hosted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB).

EMD Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, EMD Chief John Rogers, EMD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ES Sonia Lee met with members of the EMD Food Industry Working Group to discuss the H1N1 Flu Virus and legislation impacting the food industry. EMD has created a flu virus handout which will be distributed to food facilities.

Central Sacramento Groundwater Authority

Supervising ES Barry Marcus attended a meeting of the Central Sacramento Groundwater Authority.

Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency

HMD Chief Dennis Green, Supervising ES Lisa Todd, and ESs Lea Gibson, Victoria Krohn, Mary Ellen Oetzel and Patrice Webb hosted a Regional Roundtable meeting of the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Emergency Operations Center

Information Technology (IT) staff prepared the EMD Main Conference Room to serve as an Emergency Operations Center if needed in the case of a County disaster (flood, fire, etc.).

Tablet Computers

IT staff continued to support EHD staff as they transition to using computer tablets for data collection and report printing while performing on-site food inspections.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

California Conference Of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez and Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza participated in the 54th Annual Conference of CCDEH. Supervising ES Maitoza presented a workshop on entrapment hazards in public pools and AB 1020 at the Annual Conference. Several program updates and pieces of legislation were discussed at the Conference.

Continuing Challenge Conference

HMD Deputy Chief Elise Rothschild and ESs Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Sophia Johnston, Doug Osborn, Michelle Sever, Kevin Smith, Heather Tanner and Jeni Van Dusen attended the annual Continuing Challenge Conference. The Conference, presented by a committee consisting of representatives from various local, state and federal agencies, offers a wide range of training opportunities in hazardous materials management, emergency response and disaster preparedness.

California Environmental Health Association (CEHA)

EHD Chief John Rogers and ES Jason Smalley presented information on “Menu Labeling and the Disclosure of Nutritional Information” at the Annual CEHA Update meeting. Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza assisted Robin Hook of the California Department of Public Health with a presentation on AB 1020, pending legislation to incorporate the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool Safety Act into the California Recreational Health Code.

Regulation And Management Of Used Oil

ESs Ryan Artz, Jack Bellan, Rebecca Knoche, Matt Mulcahy, Brion McGinness, Lisa Perez and Justin Ross attended a training session on regulation and management of used oil presented by the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

Annual Water Sampling Training

ESs Sean Daneluk, John Lewis and Sharon Merker (members of EMD’s Stormwater Management Team) attended Annual Water Sampling-P3 Training Sessions presented by the Sacramento Area Section of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). The training offered a variety of sampling topics including representative and composite sampling protocol, laboratory reporting and generating legally defensible data.

PERSONNELPromotions

Valerie Kristcher was promoted to a Student Intern – Junior in ECD in July 2009.

SEPTEMBER 2009 BY THE NUMBERS

		September 2009	To Date FY 2009-10
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,014	1,387
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	49	83
	C. Red – Closed	10	16
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,234	1,932
2.	Farm Labor Camps	0	25
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	41	2,261
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	17	50
5.	Liquid Waste	11	47
6.	Medical Waste	8	22
7.	Small Water Systems	3	12
8.	Wells	103	281
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	11	93
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	104	284
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	128	385
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	41	126
13.	Storm Water	194	355
14.	Waste Tire	89	309
15.	Tobacco Retailer	34	41
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>208</u>	<u>520</u>
	Total	2,226	6,743
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	89	248
2.	Food Borne Illness	19	46
3.	Incident Response	41	124
4.	Storm Water	17	35
5.	Waste Tire	0	11
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	Total	167	467
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	14	140
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	8	22
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
	Total	34	175
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	364	1,219
2.	Monitoring Wells	22	118
3.	Food Facilities	77	216
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	43	154
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	20	53
6.	Land Use	6	13
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,403</u>	<u>5,752</u>
	Total	1,935	7,525
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,712	36,663
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>12</u>	<u>50</u>
	Total	12,724	36,713