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Welcome to the June 2011 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of May 2011. Please feel free to forward comments questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or [JimenezL@SacCounty.net](mailto:JimenezL@SacCounty.net)

### Highlights

- *John Rogers Receives Food Safety Leadership Award*
- *EMD Conducts Sweeps Focused On Unpermitted Mobile Food Vendors*
- *EMD Hosts Water Well Technical Advisory Committee*

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### NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Gary Erbeck Food Safety Leadership Award

John Rogers, Chief, Environmental Health Division (EHD), received the Gary Erbeck Food Safety Leadership Award from the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) at the recently held 2011 Symposium on Food Systems and Health. The award was created to recognize an individual for his/her expertise and leadership in food safety. John has played a leadership role in working with stakeholder groups on the menu labeling, trans fat, and food handler card laws. John has also assisted regulators and industry groups with implementation as the laws have become effective.

#### Lifetime Member Award

Environmental Specialist (ES) Heather Tanner was presented with a “Lifetime Member Award” at the recently held Annual CHMIA (California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association) Conference. Heather was recognized for her dedication and distinguished service to CHMIA. Heather served as Sacramento Area Director in 2007 and as CHMIA Vice President in 2009. Heather continues to work tirelessly on CHMIA’s Annual Continuing Challenge Workshop program and has hosted several CHMIA-sponsored training events in the Sacramento area.

## COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in May with 114 participants representing 11 facilities. Two classes were conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in English, and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with one business in attendance.

### Pool Operator Training

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza presented information regarding safety and pool inspections at two training seminars. Forty-five attendees (public pool owners or operators) participated in the seminars.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

### Unpermitted Food Vendors

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs Steve Moua and Tuan Nguyen conducted sweeps throughout the county which focused on unpermitted mobile food vendors. Two unpermitted food carts were confiscated and unapproved produce was discarded.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal provided staff support to the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEC. Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director, State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) provided information on a proposed policy for controlling trash in state waters. Bill Allayaud, California Director of Governmental Affairs, Environmental Working Group (EWG) shared information on chemicals in cosmetics and EWG's legislative campaign. ES Debbie Katz presented information regarding EMD's Childhood Lead Prevention Program.

### Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

ES Cheryl Hawkins served as a subject matter expert on a statewide panel which evaluated questions for inclusion in the statewide REHS (Registered Environmental Health Specialist) examination.

### Water Well Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

ESs Cheryl Hawkins and Susan Williams utilized a webinar (provided by the California Environmental Health Association) to host the quarterly meeting of the CCDEH Water Well TAC. ES Williams presented information on water well destruction requirements contained in Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 74-90. Contractors in attendance discussed well destruction procedures, DWR Bulletin 74-90, construction of cathodic protection wells, construction specifications for infiltration galleries, annular space requirements contained in the State Standard for Water Works, CalCode/CURRFL (California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law) water systems requirements, and a status report from the California Department of Public Health Solid Waste Systems/Local Protection Agency Committee.

## EMPLOYEE TRAINING

### Hazardous Materials

ES Dennis Karidis attended a training seminar on methods to identify hazards, establish initial “hot zones”, and use protective equipment. The training, geared toward emergency responders, will enhance EMD’s incident response capability to identify chemicals and manage hazardous material emergencies.

### 2011 Golden Guardian Exercise

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos participated in the 2011 Golden Guardian exercise. The exercise was based upon a major flood in Sacramento. Participants included representatives from State of California agencies, the State Operations Center, federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and private sector partners. Participants were instructed on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a major flood.

### Winning At Work

EMD’s Environmental Compliance Division staff participated in a seminar on “Winning at Work”. The seminar focused on effectively coping with changes, personal dynamics in the workplace and how to turn them into opportunities to create a win-win workplace and increase productivity. EMD Director Val Siebal also attended the training seminar.

### Food And Drug Administration (FDA)

Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz and ES Kari Wagner attended the FDA’s Model Field Training Program for Regulatory Retail Food Safety Professionals. Attendees received information on how to improve EHD’s current field training program.

### Water System Outages

ES Cheryl Hawkins participated in a webinar offered to water system operators throughout the country by Whitewater Security through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Participants received information on how to deliver water to customers in emergency situations by providing portable treatment units and larger bladder holding tanks.

### Safety/Awareness Seminar

EMD held “safety and awareness” training for staff. The training was the second in a series of seminars focusing on awareness and detection of body language and other human response (paralanguage) in high tension or conflict situations.

### Emergency Operations

ESs Sophia Johnston and Doug Osborn attended a seminar presented by the Sacramento Regional Office of Homeland Security on the operation of the Emergency Operations Center and planning for hazards.

**MAY 2011 BY THE NUMBERS**

|     |   | <b>May<br/>2011</b> | <b>To Date<br/>FY 2010-11</b> |
|-----|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|
|     | <u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>  |                     |                               |
|     | A. Green – Pass   | 1,482               | 11,770                        |
|     | B. Yellow – Conditional Pass  | 64                  | 683                           |
|     | C. Red – Closed   | 7                   | 97                            |
|     | <u>Inspections</u>  |                     |                               |
| 1.  | Above Ground Storage Tank   | 3                   | 27                            |
| 2.  | Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)                              | 1,787               | 14,759                        |
| 3.  | Farm Labor Camps  | 2                   | 45                            |
| 4.  | Public Swimming Pools/Spas  | 4                   | 2,328                         |
| 5.  | Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)                                  | 25                  | 241                           |
| 6.  | Liquid Waste  | 11                  | 151                           |
| 7.  | Medical Waste   | 5                   | 135                           |
| 8.  | Small Water Systems   | 14                  | 55                            |
| 9.  | Wells   | 77                  | 752                           |
| 10. | Underground Storage Tank (UST)<br>Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal          | 6                   | 206                           |
| 11. | Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste                                      | 103                 | 877                           |
| 12. | Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials                                     | 130                 | 1,239                         |
| 13. | Underground Storage Tank Facilities   | 38                  | 445                           |
| 14. | Storm Water   | 146                 | 1,481                         |
| 15. | Waste Tire  | 35                  | 499                           |
| 16. | Tobacco Retailer  | 12                  | 395                           |
| 17. | Commercial Recycling  | 146                 | 859                           |
| 18. | Multi-Family Recycling  | 98                  | 249                           |
| 19. | Refuse Vehicle Inspections  | 0                   | 309                           |
|     | <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,641</b>        | <b>25,051</b>                 |
|     | <u>Investigations</u>   |                     |                               |
| 1.  | Abandoned Well Program  | 0                   | 199                           |
| 2.  | Consumer Complaints   | 52                  | 686                           |
| 3.  | Food Borne Illness  | 18                  | 162                           |
| 4.  | Incident Response   | 13                  | 232                           |
| 5.  | Solid Waste   | 3                   | 98                            |
| 6.  | Storm Water   | 13                  | 535                           |
| 7.  | Waste Tire  | 0                   | 61                            |
| 8.  | Childhood Lead  | 0                   | 7                             |
|     | <b>Total</b>  | <b>99</b>           | <b>1,980</b>                  |
|     | <u>Class Attendance</u>   |                     |                               |
| 1.  | Food Safety Education (Food School)   | 114                 | 806                           |
| 2.  | Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop                                      | 1                   | 30                            |
| 3.  | “How To Get A Green” Workshop   | 0                   | 60                            |
|     | <b>Total</b>  | <b>115</b>          | <b>896</b>                    |
|     | <u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>  |                     |                               |
| 1.  | Hazardous Materials Business Plans  | 498                 | 4,514                         |
| 2.  | Monitoring Wells  | 128                 | 960                           |
| 3.  | Food Facilities   | 116                 | 920                           |
| 4.  | Public Swimming Pools/Spas  | 35                  | 386                           |
| 5.  | Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations,<br>Upgrades and Repairs | 6                   | 112                           |
| 6.  | Land Use  | 21                  | 142                           |
| 7.  | Local Oversight Program   | 8                   | 55                            |
| 8.  | Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)  | 2,122               | 18,380                        |
|     | <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,934</b>        | <b>25,469</b>                 |
|     | <u>Information Management</u>   |                     |                               |
| 1.  | Documents Imaged  | 8,046               | 104,917                       |
| 2.  | Public Record Reviews   | 16                  | 239                           |
|     | <b>Total</b>  | <b>8,062</b>        | <b>105,156</b>                |