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Welcome to the April 2012 Environmental Management Department (EMD) Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments during March 2012. Please forward comments, questions or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net

Highlights

- EMD Director Shares Information At District 4 Citizen Meetings
- EMD Hosts Body Art Industry Workshop
- EMD Director Provides Information On Five-Year Fee Ordinance
- Staff Participates In Emergency Management – Earthquake Training

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Financial Audit

EMD Director Val Siebal and Accounting Manager Wageeh Elgammal met with auditors from the Department of Finance to discuss the results of a Department audit and to review suggested minor changes to Department processes. Department of Finance staff routinely audits departments to ensure that financial transactions are recorded and reported accurately and in accordance with generally accepted standards. They also provide recommendations regarding necessary changes to accounting procedures.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Safe Body Art Act

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers and EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez were interviewed by a reporter from the *Sacramento Business Journal* for an article on the new Safe Body Art Act which takes effect on July 1, 2012. The article was published on March 30 and includes industry representative quotes in support of the new regulations as they will protect the tattooist and the clientele.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with one business in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in March with a total of 79 participants representing 13 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English and three classes were conducted in Spanish.

District 4 Citizen Meetings

EMD Director Val Siebal shared information at several District 4 citizen meetings regarding the five-year anniversary of EMD's Green/Yellow/Red Placarding Program and the Septic Tank Policy being proposed by the State Water Resources Control Board. Attendees expressed appreciation to Director Siebal for the programs which EMD provides.

Body Art Industry Workshop

EMD hosted a meeting of body art industry stakeholders to continue discussions regarding implementation of AB 300, the newly adopted law regulating body art establishments. EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez shared information on the new law and proposed fees for the body art program. Seventy-one tattoo, permanent cosmetic and piercing practitioners, and shop owners were in attendance.

Five Year Fee Ordinance

EMD Director Val Siebal shared information on EMD's proposed five-year fee ordinance at meetings of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, EMD's Food Industry Working Group, the Rental Housing Association, Independent and California Grocers Associations, Sacramento Downtown Partnership, California Restaurant Association, Midtown Business Association, Building Industry Association and Pacific Rim Culinary Committee. The ordinance was introduced to the Board of Supervisors on March 27, 2012 and was continued to April 10, 2012 where it was unanimously adopted.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support at the March 19, 2012 meeting of the SEC. Dr. Olivia Kasirye, County Public Health Officer, provided information regarding her top five priorities for her first year as Public Health Officer; Dr. Caroline Kurtz, Chief, Tobacco Control Program, California Department of Public Health shared information received at the recently held Environmental Impact of Tobacco Waste Summit; and Pat Quinn, Program Manager, County Waste Management and Recycling Department, briefed members on the Environmental Impact Report for the County's planned GreenCycle Compost Facility.

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Chief Elise Rothschild met with SRCSD's executive management team to discuss the possibility of amending existing ordinances which address hook up requirements.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD hosted a meeting of the Food Industry Working Group which featured a presentation on "How to Comply with Refrigerant Management Program Requirements" by Satapana Buthken, Air Pollution Specialist, California Air Resources Board. The Refrigerant Management Program affects large supermarkets and involves refrigeration system registration and reporting of leaks and/or repairs to the California Air Resources Board as required by California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2009.

Recreational Health Northern Technical Advisory Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza chaired a meeting of the Recreational Health Northern California Technical Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health. The new Title 24 Pool Code (effective September 1, 2012) and a proposed new law for required Operator Training (AB 1726) were discussed at the meeting.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Introduction to Emergency Management – Earthquake Course

EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez, ECD Deputy Chief Marie Woodin, Supervising Environmental Specialists (ESs) Mark Barcellos and John Elkins, and ESs Sara Cardozo and Dennis Karidis participated in a four-day Introduction to Emergency Management – Earthquake Course presented by the California Specialized Training Institute. Attendees receiving training on Emergency Operation Center (EOC) procedures/policies and participated in a four-hour simulated exercised based on an earthquake scenario.

Non-Defensive Communication For Leads

Several EMD staff members participated in County training which focused on workplace behaviors that are most likely to trigger defensive reactions. Participants were provided with processes to be implemented in response to a co-worker or customer who is in a defensive mode.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Association For Environmental Health & Sciences Foundation (AEHS)

Supervising ES Barry Marcus shared information on EMD's Abandoned Well Program at the 24th Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water and Energy presented by the Association for Environmental Health & Sciences Foundation. Barry Marcus noted that the Program was created to assist in preventing contamination of groundwater resources and to address unsafe conditions.

PERSONNEL

Promotion

Daniel Abellon was promoted to an ES I in ECD effective 2/26/2012.

MARCH 2012 BY THE NUMBERS

		March 2012	To Date FY 2011-12
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,189	9,203
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	54	438
	C. Red – Closed	7	72
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	3	43
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,440	11,511
3.	Farm Labor Camps	4	34
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	1,807
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	24	205
6.	Liquid Waste	12	151
7.	Medical Waste	5	114
8.	Small Water Systems	3	28
9.	Wells	56	529
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	90	867
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	103	1,311
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	55	374
13.	Storm Water	210	1,759
14.	Waste Tire	62	460
15.	Tobacco Retailer	27	314
16.	Commercial Recycling	85	406
17.	Multi-Family Recycling	59	500
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>0</u>	<u>249</u>
	Total	2,239	20,662
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	13	31
2.	Consumer Complaints	54	582
3.	Food Borne Illness	10	112
4.	Incident Response	13	168
5.	Solid Waste	6	40
6.	Storm Water	16	71
7.	Waste Tire	60	66
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
	Total	175	1,077
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	79	666
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	1	24
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>123</u>
	Total	80	813
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	590	3,381
2.	Monitoring Wells	38	779
3.	Food Facilities	85	808
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	19	435
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	5	124
6.	Land Use	2	61
7.	Local Oversight Program	3	25
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,665</u>	<u>14,532</u>
	Total	2,407	20,145
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,124	104,683
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>31</u>	<u>187</u>
	Total	10,155	104,870