



**County of Monterey**

# **Monterey County EHS Enforcement Field Guide**

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# Problem Statement

**EHB consists of six services each functioning primarily autonomously.**

To add to the complexity, each service has multiple programs leading to the following challenges:

- Local, State & Federal enforcement policies and practices are constantly evolving.
- Encountering multiple Health & Safety (H&S) violations outside of your service during routine field activity is probable.
- Without a Standardized Operation Policy (S.O.P.), gaps in service may develop and inconsistent enforcement practices may occur.



# Project Goal

**Develop a Standardized Enforcement Field Guide to expand the current “Violation Notice”**

While in the field EHS witness H&S violations outside their own service. **The enforcement field guide would:**

- Provide an S.O.P for EHS to take enforcement consistent with all other services.
- Increase efficiency and save EHB resources.
- S.O.P ensures a balanced, fair and transparent implementation of enforcement.
- Enhance public protection.



# Examples of Field Violations Encountered



**Trash and possible hazardous waste accumulation**



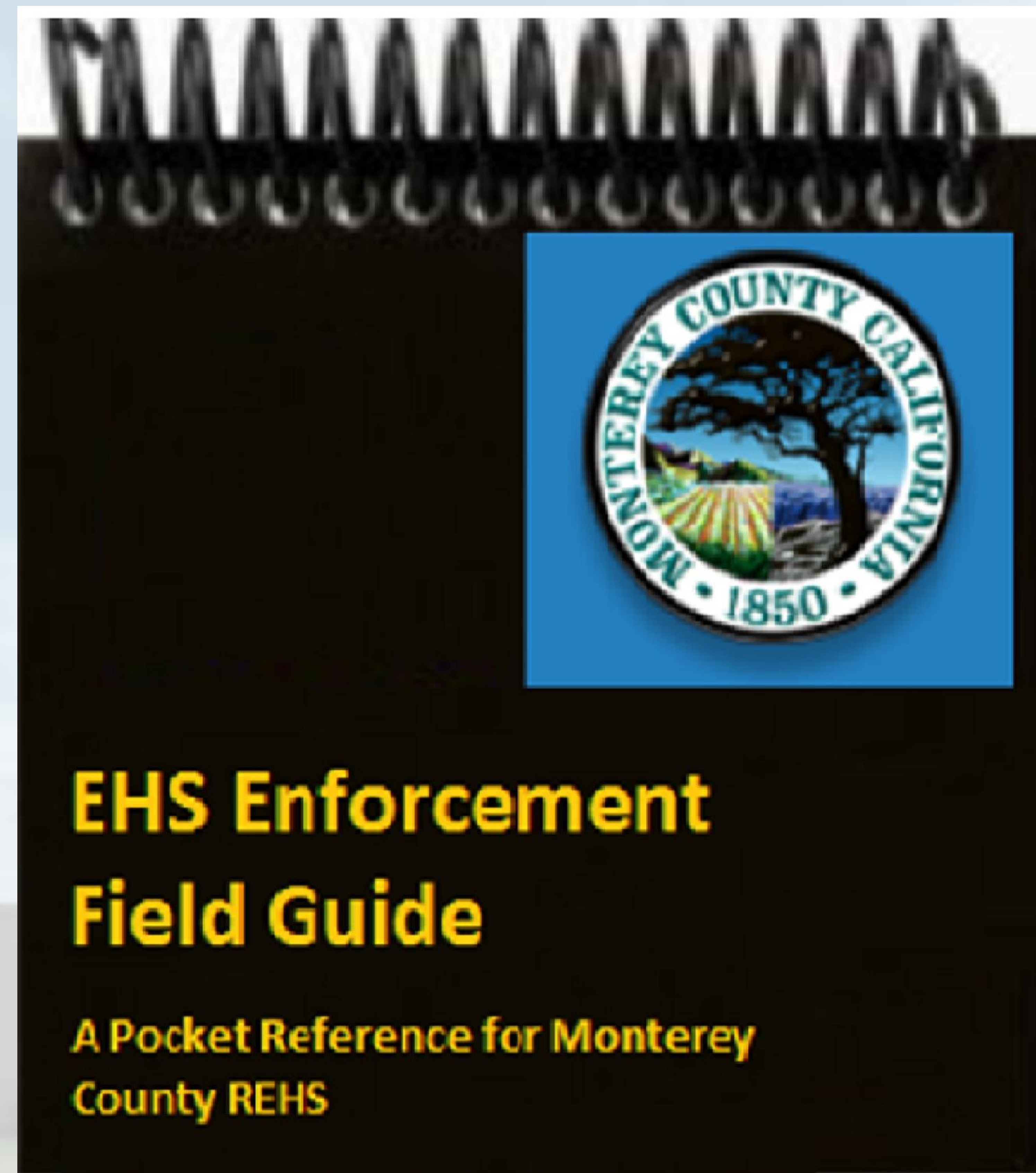
**Open abandoned well**



**Septic Failure discovered during a W.S. (E. coli) Posting**



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- Drinking Water Wells and Storage
- Septic Systems
- Hazardous Materials and Waste
- Solid Waste
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# Conclusions/Next Steps

- Prioritize H&S violations needing immediate action.
- Collaborate with other programs on S.O.P. procedures.
- Create a “Step by Step” enforcement S.O.P.
- Obtain approval from Management and County Council (as needed).
- Develop the finished guide in electronic and hard copy.
- Cross train staff.
- Review and update at least annually.



# Thank you . Questions?

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