

# Environmental Health Bureau

## 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



### Assessment

- ✓ Provided Environmental Health guidance and support in the development of the Safe Parking Program in District 4.
- ✓ Responded to severe weather wind event where there were multiple power outages and infrastructure damage.
- ✓ Participated in providing environmental health services to homeless individuals and families temporarily residing on Lapis Rd.
- ✓ Provided Environmental Health guidance with the City of Salinas in response to concerns over Hepatitis A incidents



### Policy Development

- ✓ Designated by Board of Supervisors Resolution an Ordinance prohibiting, on a temporary basis, new wells in a defined "Area of Impact" where seawater intrusion is occurring
- ✓ Declared by Board of Supervisors Resolution the established policy of the County that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes thereby requiring all relevant county departments to consider this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, when those policies, regulations, are pertinent to the uses of water.
- ✓ Developed and released a food inspection mobile app Food Inspection Findings Monterey County for the public
- ✓ Created over 50 short URL's to allow the public better access to Environmental Health services.
- ✓ Collaborated and promoted information to the Board of Supervisors and the public about free water quality testing available to people living in the Central Coast Region
- ✓ Declared by a Board of Supervisors Resolution April as Monterey County Earth Month and the Bureau organized, through the coordination of multiple agencies, clean up events throughout the county during the month.



### Assurance

- ✓ Presented workshops addressing Food Safety and Environmental Compliance.
- ✓ Trained and assisted six Environmental Health Specialist to become State-Certified
- ✓ Offered Monterey County Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute (MEPHLI) to Cohort IV with ten successful graduates
- ✓ Reached and will maintain a 96% or above compliance rate for completed evaluations.
- ✓ Enhanced internal productivity reporting by integrating Power BI with our existing databases
- ✓ Established an Environmental Health Cannabis Management Services Team and responded to incidents related to CBD in food products

## What's next in 2019?

We will continue to provide opportunities for State REHS certification and well as continue to offer MEPHLI with Cohort V; and implement new state mandates related to the Charitable Feeding Operation registration program, Microhome Enterprise Food Facilities, and the Plastic Straw ban. We will provide updates to current local water regulations related to desalination plant construction. We will create the framework for a model Environmental Health Program for Monterey County based on mandated and best practices with the specific goal to address the current County Strategic Initiatives, the Health Department's Strategic Plan, and the Public Health Accreditation Standards.

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