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## **1. County Administrator's Update on Contracts**

The County Administrator signed no contracts of significance since the last Significant Issues update.

## **2. Environmental Health Supervisor Wins Ralph Hunter Award**

Ricardo Serrano, Environmental Health Supervisor in the Department of Resource Management, has been selected to receive the 2012 Ralph Hunter Award. This award recognizes an individual who has made a major impact to a Local Enforcement Agency's (LEA) solid waste program through the development of a special or new program, involvement with educational activities, involvement on committees and/or workgroups, involvement in the permitting and/or enforcement process, or any special achievements which enhance the protection of public health and other environmental health principles.

Ricardo's development and oversight of two local solid waste projects – the use of fine materials gathered from the San Francisco Recycling and Disposal Integrated Material Recovery as an alternate daily cover in lieu of soil and application of odor response protocols –have statewide implications. In addition, his continued actions in development of the LEA program since 1998 and his continued involvement in providing solid waste trainings locally, statewide and internationally were used as a basis for this award.

The award is issued by the Enforcement Advisory Council, which is comprised of 12 LEAs from throughout the state and serves the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) as an advisory committee representing the various regions of the state and the disciplines engaged in solid waste enforcement.

- Bill Emlen, Resource Management Director, 784-6062

## **3. SEMSC Soliciting Proposals for Level II Trauma Center to Serve Solano County**

There are currently two Level III Trauma Centers in Solano County that serve the trauma needs of the county's residents and visitors: NorthBay Medical Center in Fairfield and Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Vacaville. On occasion it is still necessary to transport some patients outside of Solano County to receive a higher level of care than that is available at a Level III

Center. Examples of care requiring a Level II Trauma Center include major head or spinal injuries that require the immediate attention of a neurosurgeon. Both of the county's Level III Trauma Centers have expressed interest in pursuing the Level II designation, which would allow for the local treatment of these higher level injuries.

The California Code of Regulations limits the number of Level I or II Trauma Centers that may be designated by the local authority. Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies may only designate one Level I or II Trauma Center for each 350,000 persons served in a designated geographic catchment area. Thus, Solano County with its population of just over 420,000 is limited to having only one Level II Trauma Center.

Under a Joint Powers Agreement, the Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative (SEMSC) has been delegated authority by the Board of Supervisors to serve as the County's Local Emergency Services Agency. The SEMSC approved engaging the services of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to perform a needs assessment to determine the feasibility of designating a Level II Trauma Center in Solano County.

The ACS determined that a Level II Trauma Center would benefit the residents of Solano County. The SEMSC subsequently approved engaging the services of ACS to develop a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process and advise the SEMSC as to how the process for evaluating submissions should be conducted, and by whom. It is anticipated that the proposed RFP package and process will be presented to the SEMSC for approval at its January 10, 2013 meeting.

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