

Registered Environmental Health Specialist Program Update

September 2019

Dedication Ceremony for the Thomas Martin McMorow Training Room, Contra Costa County Environmental Health Department, Concord, CA

Mr. Thomas McMorow (November 24, 1912 – October 12, 1992) had the great distinction of practicing environmental health for Contra Costa County and held the very first Registered Environmental Health Specialist Certificate #0001. Director Marilyn Underwood held a dedication ceremony in June 2019 to honor Mr. McMorow’s legacy. Several members of his family attended and fondly shared some of their memories with the audience. Many thanks to Dr. Underwood for collecting and memorializing the life of a pioneer in the field of environmental health.

New Fees for the REHS Application, Initial Registration and Biennial Renewal

In recent years, the REHS program fund expenditures have consistently exceeded program revenues. The program has drawn down the REHS fund such that we can no longer meet program costs. As a result, the REHS Program will raise the fees associated with registrations (renewals and initial), new applications, and exams. As provided for in the 2019-2020 Budget Act, these fees will be increased by 14.6% effective September 1, 2019. The registration renewal fees for retirees will not increase and will remain at \$25. The associated late fee for retirees (\$13) will remain unchanged. The new fee schedule (shown as Table 1 below) is posted on our website at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/REHS/REHS.aspx>

Table 1. Fiscal Year 2019/2020 REHS Fee Schedule

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Application Fee	\$129
Application for Equivalency Determination	\$100
Examination Fee	\$171
Initial Registration Fee	\$237
Renewal Registration Fee	\$237
Late Penalty Fee*	\$119
Renewal Registration Fee – Retirees	\$25
Late Penalty Fee* – Retirees	\$13

* Penalty fees are equal to one half of the renewal registration fee rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount. Penalties apply to registration fees in arrears over 31 days. As all registrations expire on December 31st, penalties accrue on payments received with a postmark February 1 or later of the following year.

Our office has moved, but our mailing address has not changed. We will continue to receive mail at:

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California Department of Public Health
MS-7404, IMS K-2
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September 2019 REHS Statistics

Active : 2749	Eligible Trainee Candidates: 1964
Retired: 792	Suspended for Nonpayment: 327