

Registered Environmental Health Specialist Program Update

July 2020

A Message From Veronica L. Malloy, REHS Program Administrator

As I write this 2020 Program Update, I hope that you, your family, friends and colleagues are all in good health amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. These months have been shockingly uncertain and incredibly difficult. I am deeply proud of all your dedication, patience and flexibility. Each time I have the opportunity to speak with you on the phone, I am grateful to learn you can maintain the fortitude it requires to work through these days. Looking ahead, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for each of you and the service you provide to the people of California. For up to date guidance and information, you can visit the CDPH website at www.covid19.ca.gov

The Environmental Health Specialist Registration Committee (EHSRC) – Outgoing Members and Recruitment for a Public Member, REHS

The EHSRC is a 10-member appointed committee consisting of the Chief of the Environmental Management Branch (EMB) who acts as the Executive Officer, one member from the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), 2 members of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH), 3 members with at least five years of experience as REHSs, 2 faculty members chosen from a CDPH accredited university environmental health program, one appointee from the Senate Rules Committee and one appointee from the Speaker of the Assembly.

Many thanks to the 2019 outgoing members of the EHSRC who have served in an advisory capacity to the REHS Program. They include: David Conway, Director, Mariposa County Environmental Health, Lawrence Fay, Director, Santa Barbara County Environmental Health, Graciela Garcia, Supervising REHS, Ventura County Environmental Health and Joseph LaCava, Public Member Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. Sarah Crossman, Supervising REHS, Riverside County has agreed to stay on as Chair while a replacement can be found. *We are actively recruiting for a Public Member REHS. You must have at least 5 years of experience working for an environmental health department and be able to serve on the committee for at least one full term (four years) beginning January 1, 2021. Please contact the office if you are interested in this opportunity.*

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 raised the fees associated with registrations (renewals and initial), new applications, and exams. This fee increase was effective September 1, 2019 and is reflected on the 2020 Biennial Renewal Forms enclosed. The new fee schedule is posted on our website at:

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

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July 2020 REHS Statistics

Active :	2700	Eligible Trainee Candidates:	1883
Retired:	838	Suspended for Nonpayment:	311 (138 Active, 173 Retired)