

# Registered Environmental Health Specialist Program Update

July 2022

## ***A Message From Veronica L. Malloy, REHS Program Administrator***

Congratulations to Deann Kanenaga and best wishes in her retirement. Deann was the CDPH Accreditation Agency Officer in the REHS program for over 20 years. She served the program as the continuing education liaison, assisted in proctoring the REHS exams and answered many questions from members of the public, students and registrants. We will fill the vacancy as soon as possible. In the meantime, call the general office number listed below with any continuing education questions.

## ***Reinstatement - A Retirement Opportunity - The California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA)***

As they finish careers as Registered Environmental Health Specialists, many of our retired Directors of Environmental Health and colleagues decide to return to work to assist other county jurisdictions. The California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) is a 501c4 non-profit established in 1968. CAEHA is able to provide temporary staffing services through independent contracts to assist local county health departments and will hire REHSs to fill positions in many environmental health programs including emergency response. CAEHA does however, require an Active REHS registration. Through the process of reinstatement, a retired individual can switch from Retired status to Active status by simply submitting the required 24 hours of continuing education and the prorated registration fee. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call me or the general office number listed below. For information on the CAEHA positions, call the CAEHA Contract Manager, Sheryl Baldwin at (530) 676-0715.

## ***The Equivalency Process for Out-of-State Registrants***

In 2019, the REHS program developed an application process known as "Equivalency". Pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), Section 106725, any person who holds a certificate of registration issued by the proper authority of any state or territory may be eligible to receive a registration as a California REHS if they meet all the education, experience, training, and exam requirements at the time of their application. Since the equivalency process was developed, the REHS program received a total of 21 applications. Thirteen of those applicants were awarded a California registration. These new registrants also hold active registrations from New Jersey, Texas, Michigan, Arizona, Oregon, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Nevada. Unfortunately, seven applicants were unable to obtain equivalency. Some did not meet the required coursework and a few did not have a certificate issued by another state or territory at the time of their submittal to the REHS program. Those who needed the additional courses and completed them, were invited to sit for the exam.

### **REHS Program Contacts**

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### **July 2022 REHS Statistics**

Active :	2815	Eligible Trainee Candidates:	1883
Retired:	1025	Suspended for Nonpayment:	101