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This communiqué is intended to augment the meetings of the Executive, Policy and Regional Committees of CCDEH and CAEHA. Please view the minutes of these meetings that are regularly posted on our website, www.ccdeh.com

Welcome TO NEW Directors Rebecca Ng at Marin County.

Welcome TO NEW Associate Members Alameda County (Lucia Hui & Ronald Browder) UCLA (James Gibson), UC Santa Barbara (Ali Aghayan), City of Vernon (Leonard Grossberg), LA County (Alfonso Medina, Janet Delgado & Terrance Powell), Riverside County (Keith Jones & John Watkins).

CAPITOL SCENE

Déjà vu all over again...current projections put the 2010 State budget shortfall at \$21 BILLION again. With the economy still in the tank and the Legislature hard pressed to cut programs any deeper, next year promises to be dominated by financial doom-and-gloom once more. Add an election year and four ballot measures dealing with structural fiscal and constitutional reform and one can be assured of a difficult session in the Capitol. Fortunately our programs remain relatively safe with their fee-based funding and strong public support. Our priority going into the next Legislative season is to ensure that we do not suffer too much collateral damage as counties and cities scramble to stay afloat.

CCDEH ANNUAL CONFERENCE – ANOTHER GREAT EVENT

On a much more positive note, our 54th Annual Conference at Granlibakken, Tahoe City was another worthwhile meeting where our members had the opportunity to learn and network. As always, our program was packed with interesting presentations and provided many opportunities for Directors and Associates to help in shaping our organization and our agenda. Thanks go out to all participants.

The 2010 CCDEH CONFERENCE will be held at the BAHIA in San Diego September 20 through 24.

CCDEH/CAEHA's LEGISLATIVE YEAR-IN-REVIEW

A full legislative report was provided at the September conference and has been posted on our website, so it suffices to say here that our Legislative year reaped mixed results – at best. CAEHA sponsored *four* bills, tracked 64 others, of which we actively lobbied 20 on topics ranging from food handler training to drinking water infrastructure funding. In summary: The CIWMB was abolished and its functions transferred to the Natural Resources Agency; for some inexplicable reason our body art bill was vetoed; and the VGB pool safety

bill along with SB 241 (CalCode) and AB 1489 (Meth lab clean-up standards) were signed. In 2010 we will likely reintroduce AB 517 (The Safe Body Art Act) and run one or more CUPA clean-up bills.

In addition to our legislative agenda for the year ahead, our *Action Plan* - which can be found on the website - outlines the other CCDEH and CAEHA priorities for 2010.

Symposium on FOOD SYSTEMS & PUBLIC HEALTH- S3 SAFE: SECURE & SUSTAINABLE

The S3 Symposium on Food Systems & Public Health that was held November 4-6, 2009 at the Mission Bay Hyatt was a big success, due in large part to Gary Erbeck, Liz Pozzebon, Manuel Ramirez and Lew Pozzebon, the San Diego EH staff and all the steering committee members. Breaking the usual bounds of food sanitation, the conference explored the interconnections between food safety, food security and food sustainability through the multiple lenses of federal, State and local agencies as well as farmers, food industry and NGO groups. Hats off to CCDEH for taking the risk and prevailing. We look forward to working on some of the proposals for improving our food systems that were offered at the Symposium and planning S3 number II.

FOOD TRAINING – Train-the-Trainer - Trans Fat, Menu Labeling and SB 241

In strong collaboration between FDA, FDB and local programs, a series of Train-the-Trainer workshops on transfat, menu labeling and SB 241 implementation will be held in January 2010 in several locations around the State. Please view the schedule and register on line at www.ccdeh.com Limited seats are available.

CUPA CONFERENCE

The CUPA Forum Board, in conjunction with its State partners is well underway in planning for the 12th Annual California Unified Program Conference which will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Burlingame, on February 1-4, 2010. For the very first time, 45 of the 100 classes will qualify for Continuing Education Credit Hours (CECHs). The HAZMAT Committee will be meeting 8-10, Executive Committee from 10-3pm and the Envision Committee from 3-5pm. Please make your hotel reservations today as rooms are selling quickly. Register today at www.calcupa.net

WEBSITE REDESIGN

Our thanks go out to Tim Snellings at Nettop Publishing for launching our new content-management website and our own internal Webex capacity for more efficient remote meetings. Let's use it!!!! You are able to update your own information at www.ccdeh.com

OUR ORGANIZATIONS

CCDEH and CAEHA are fiscally sound, efficient and well-respected organizations. We continue to raise the majority of our operational budget through CAEHA with our training (CUPA, S3 and food program implementation); sales of the Disaster Field Manuals and CalCode (the new 2009/2010 CalCode is included in this mailing and the new 2010 Disaster Manual will be out soon), and contracts with Decade Software and local jurisdictions such as Amador, Alpine and Lassen.

Much credit is due to our dedicated leadership - Lew Pozzebon and Doug Ames, the past CCDEH and CAEHA Presidents and the Executive, Policy and Regional Committees. We wish Brian Moss and Lew all the best in 2010.

The CCDEH Executive Committee is hosting the Annual Christmas lunch on December 16 at McCormicks in Sacramento after the business meeting at CSAC. If you plan on attending please rsvp to Sheryl@ccdeh.com by December 11. Selected State Legislators and State Partners have been invited.

From us, we would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you all.

Enclosed: New Calcode book (order form on back of book), Train-the-Trainer registration form