

COMMUNIQUE

Summer 2017

Publication Number 48

Executive Director – Justin Malan

Manager – Sheryl Baldwin

Telephone (916) 448-1015
Fax (916) 448-7176
910 K Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814
Email justin@ccdeh.com

Telephone (530) 676-0715
Fax (530) 676-0515
P.O. Box 2017
Cameron Park, CA 95682-2017
email sheryl@ccdeh.com

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 & Associate Members (since last Communique)

DIRECTORS: Elaine McSpadden, Director, Butte County; Arnold Leff, Ph.D., Director, Santa Cruz

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Jeffrey Warren, El Dorado County; Larry Lancaster, Humboldt; Lee Johnson, Kings; Freddie Agyin, Los Angeles; Christine Lane, Orange; Jeffrey Johnson, Riverside; Ryan Bailey, Sacramento; Patrick Fosdahl, San Francisco. Feel free to set up or update your own profiles at www.ccdeh.com

Action!

CCDEH and CAEHA develop their Action Plan each September at the annual meeting. It is usually ambitious but well grounded. Attached is the updated 2016-2017 Action Plan that is being used by the Executive Committees, Policy and Regional Committees to guide their efforts this year. As always, please share your thoughts about priorities and strategies with your regional or policy chairs, or the Executive Committee.

June 14 Executive Committee Meeting

For the past several years we have been holding two Executive Committee meetings in Sacramento: the December "holiday" meeting and the June "Partnership" meeting. The location allows for greater participation by the denizens of Sacramento – the agency, Legislative or "third-house" folk to attend. This year we will be meeting on June 14 in the ACWA building on 910 K Street and will have a discussion around water issues in the afternoon.

Please see attached agenda.

Capitol Scene

At the time of going to print the Legislature and Governor are frantically working on the 2017/2018 state budget. Again, we expect it to be passed on time (June 15) and become effective July 1, 2017. Health care/Medi-Cal, transportation, education and deficit reductions dominate this year's \$120 Billion budget again.

After stable revenue projections and the passage of the significant (\$4B) transportation funding plan earlier in the year, there is some hope for a new parks and water bond and further funding for the Green House Gas Reduction Account (GGRA) through the re-establishment of the Cap and Trade Program.

For CAEHA the legislative session is progressing well. The 145 bills that we were tracking earlier in the year have been whittled down to a more manageable 90 measures. Our legislative packet is dominated by cannabis, water and a few high-priority food safety bills. Many of the 26 cannabis bills that were introduced are being incorporated into the "omnibus" budget trailer language measure (see below) or will be addressed in the pending three-part regulatory package. Our food safety focus has been on AB 626 (in-home restaurants) and three food waste diversion bills. AB 626 has been made a two-year measure to allow more time for reconciling the significant public health concerns that have been raised.

The CCDEH/CAEHA legislative report is posted and periodically updated on the CCDEH website.

Cannabis Regulation

After 20 years in a regulatory limbo land, cannabis is being subjected to extensive regulatory oversight by the state and local governments. In 2015, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law three bills (Assembly Bills 243 and 266, and Senate Bill 643) that create a licensing and regulatory framework for medical cannabis through the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA). This legislation created the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation within the Department of Consumer Affairs. It also divided the responsibility for state licensing between three state entities – the CA Department of Food and Agriculture, the CA Department of Public Health and the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation, with the Bureau designated as the lead agency in regulating the cannabis industry in California. In addition, Prop 64 in November 2016 was the voter initiative that established the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) legalize adult cannabis use in California.

In May the Administration proposed a set of comprehensive statutory changes that reconcile elements of MCRSA and AUMA and make necessary statutory fixes to the complex and in some cases, conflicting laws through the budget process. This somewhat unusual move was taken to enable these statutory changes to take effect in July 1, 2017 rather than the customary January 1 of the next year. At the same time, the three regulatory agencies – BMCR, CDPH and CDFA – empowered by MCRSA, have released their proposed regulations.

Heather Forshey and her Ad-hoc Cannabis Committee have done an outstanding job in articulating a dozen or more issues that CCDEH would like to see fixed or clarified in the pending budget language. See attached letter. The group will also be finalizing CCDEH's comments on the rulemaking package. If you have not already done so, please engage with the ad-hoc group if you have interest in influencing the cannabis regulations.

S3 Food Symposium May 2017- another hit!

Our fifth S3 Symposium from May 13-15, 2017 in Long Beach was all – and more – than we hoped for. Nelson Kerr did Long Beach and CCDEH proud in organizing another stimulating and fun event. Thanks to all who participated in S3 2017. For more information and to check out the presentations visit www.CaliforniaFood.org

CCDEH and PHI Food Recovery Partnership

The grant project between CCDEH, the Public Health Institute and the Southern California Public Health Alliance is progressing well. We will be hosting 8 or more three-hour workshops around the state for food inspectors to learn how they can promote the safe redirection of food to the needy – cutting down on the alarming amount of food that is wasted while so many around us are food insecure.

Any Director that has an interested in working on this new project should contact Justin.

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

Save the Dates: CCDEH Annual Conference September 18-21, 2017 Tahoe Hotel (Submit your Excellence in Environmental Health nomination by July 31st); California Unified Program Annual Training Conference February 5-8, 2018 Hyatt, South San Francisco.

Enclosed: 2016/2017 Action Plan; June 14 agenda; CAEHA cannabis letter to budget conference committee; Dues invoice; CCDEH Conference draft agenda & Registration form; Excellence in Environmental Health Award nomination