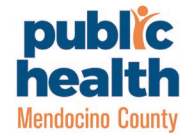




## Public Health Department of Mendocino County

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*



### Environmental Health

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#### **A Safe and Healthy Community:**

Our administrative team served 29 customers at our front counter, in addition to responding to them by phone and email.

Our Land Use inspectors approved 54 building permits, 10 Site Evaluation Reports, and 4 Water Well Applications, in addition to field inspections.

Our Consumer Protection inspectors completed 26 facility inspections, in addition to signing off on dozens of temporary event permits, temporary food booth applications, cottage food applications, and new facility plan checks.

Our Hazmat inspectors completed 24 inspections this month.

#### **A Prepared and Resilient County:**

The Division is currently seeking I/II to join our Consumer Protection program at our Ukiah office. The recently vacated position in the Fort Bragg Office is also in process to be filled with a Senior Environmental Health Specialist.

The Division, in collaboration with Planning & Building Services, hosted a well-attended stakeholder meeting in Fort Bragg, where participants provided valuable constructive feedback. Key suggestions included strategies to support increased housing, and insights into streamline coastal permit processes and procedures. Additionally, the public expressed satisfaction upon learning that both administrative intake staff and inspectors are required to meet certification standards for their positions.

The Division is meeting regularly with the CEOs office & PBS to coordinate the upcoming move from the 120 W. Fir Street to the Avila Center in Fort Bragg. This move necessitated the need to digitize the coastal files. A necessary budget adjustment has been successfully completed to initiate the contract process. The Division is bringing forward a scanning contract with Toshiba to the BOS in early 2025.

The Environmental Health REHIT Duty Officer responded after hours to a traffic collision on Highway 20 involving a Pepsi truck in Willits this month. The incident resulted in the release of approximately 70 gallons of diesel onto the shoulder, posing a threat to a nearby watercourse. In coordination with emergency services, the responsible party, and cleanup contractors, the

officer facilitated the proper removal and disposal of the discharge, ensuring the protection of water quality and community safety.

The Division has launched a complaint portal on our website to address the growing number of odor complaints related to composting facilities. Since its activation, we have received 14 complaint submittals through the portal.

The Division has also continued its coordination with CDFA to facilitate the composting of affected chicken carcasses in order to contain the spread of Avian Flu. For more information, please visit: [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal Health/Avian Influenza.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Avian_Influenza.html).

**Other:**

The Division, in collaboration with Planning & Building Services, through a State Coastal Commission grant is updating the processes and procedures that regulate County water availability requirements. This is being done in conjunction with a consulting team as well as a Technical Advisor Group of local stakeholders.